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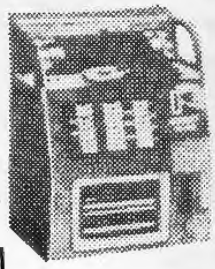

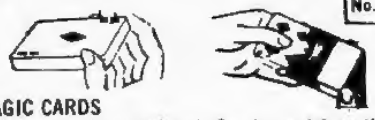

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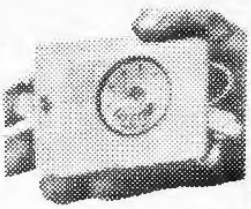

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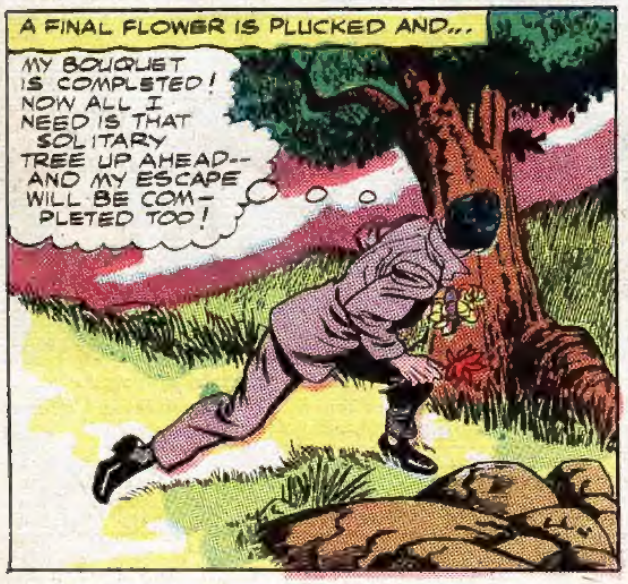
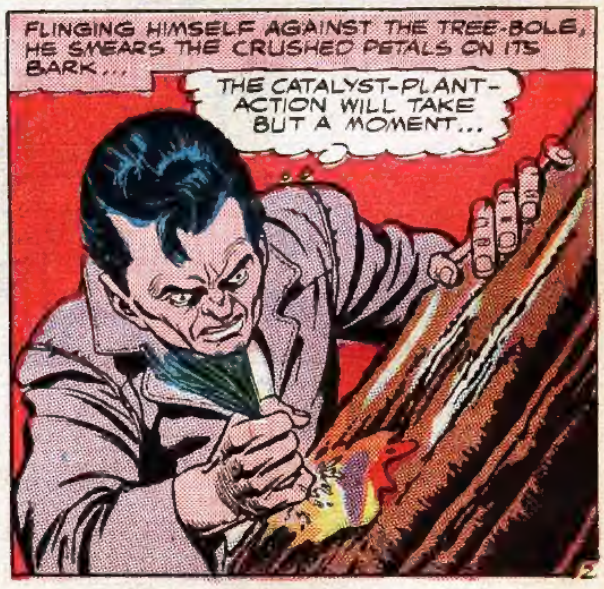
FEDERAL PRISON SIRENS WEST OF IVY TOWN WAIL OUT THEIR WARNING -- "PRISON BREAK!"...
OOOOO WHEEEEEEEE

THE FLEEING CONVICT RUNS SWIFTLY ACROSS THE GRASSLANDS BEYOND THE PRISON WALLS...
PANT! PANT! THEY'LL BE CLOSING IN ON ME WITH THE DOGS IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES!

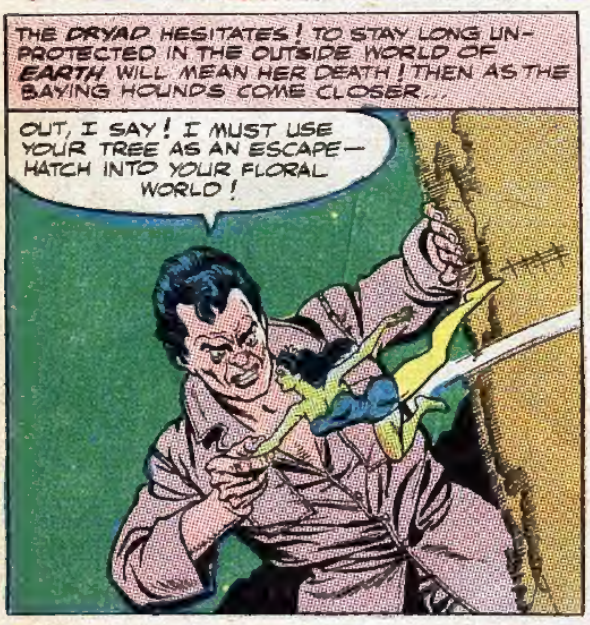
NEVERTHELESS, EVERY NOW AND THEN HE BREAKS STRIDE TO STOP AND PICK A CERTAIN FLOWER!...
A FLOWER HERE-- ANOTHER THERE...

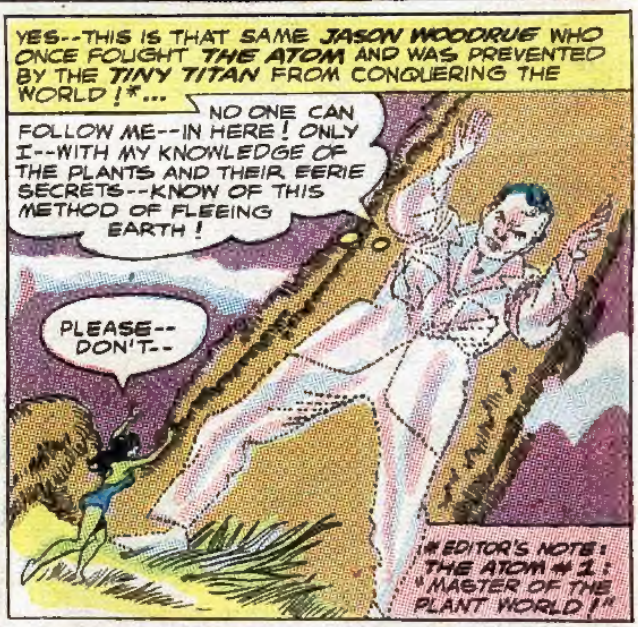
BEHIND HIM, THE BAYING OF HOUNDS BOOM OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE...
HE CAN'T BE FAR OFF! WE'LL HAVE HIM BACK BEHIND BARS WITHIN THE HOUR!
ROWWWF!
ARF!


A FINAL FLOWER IS PLUCKED AND...
MY BOUQUET IS COMPLETED! NOW ALL I NEED IS THAT SOLITARY TREE UP AHEAD-- AND MY ESCAPE WILL BE COMPLETED TOO!

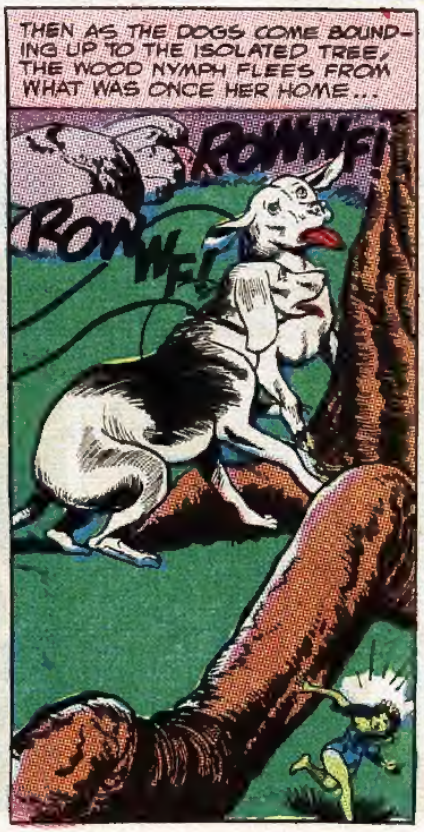

FLINGING HIMSELF AGAINST THE TREE-BOLE, HE SMEARS THE CRUSHED PETALS ON ITS BARK...
THE CATALYST-PLANT-ACTION WILL TAKE BUT A MOMENT...

THE GREAT BOLE SHIMMERS-- FADES-- REVEALS A STARTLED WOOD DRYAD INSIDE THE TREE THAT GIVES HER LIFE AND SHELTER...
COME ON OUT! I-- JASON WOODRUE, MASTER OF THE PLANT WORLD-- COMMAND YOU TO DO SO!

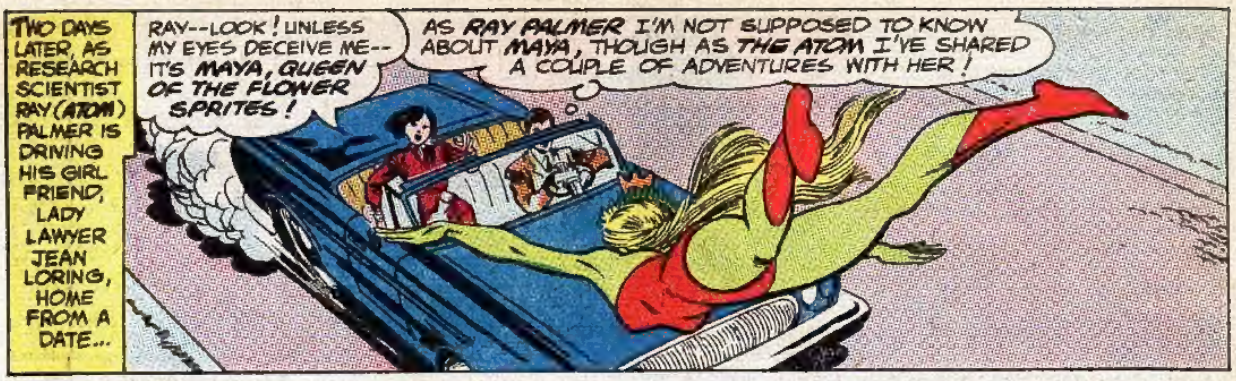

THE DRYAD HESITATES! TO STAY LONG UNPROTECTED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD OF EARTH WILL MEAN HER DEATH! THEN AS THE BAYING HOUNDS COME CLOSER...
OUT, I SAY! I MUST USE YOUR TREE AS AN ESCAPE— HATCH INTO YOUR FLORAL WORLD!


YES--THIS IS THAT SAME JASON WOODRUE WHO ONCE FOUGHT THE ATOM AND WAS PREVENTED BY THE TINY TITAN FROM CONQUERING THE WORLD!*...
NO ONE CAN FOLLOW ME--IN HERE! ONLY I--WITH MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLANTS AND THEIR EERIE SECRETS--KNOW OF THIS METHOD OF FLEEING EARTH!
PLEASE-- DON'T--
*EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ATOM #1: "MASTER OF THE PLANT WORLD!"

ABANDONED ON EARTH, THE DRYAD SHIVERS FEARFULLY AND...
THE DOGS-- COMING CLOSER! PLEASE--OH, PLEASE LET ME IN--OR I'LL DIE...


THEN AS THE DOGS COME BOUNDING UP TO THE ISOLATED TREE, THE WOOD NYMPH FLEES FROM WHAT WAS ONCE HER HOME...
ROWWF!
ROWWF!

WHERE'D WOODRUE GO? HE'S NOT HIDING ANYWHERE ON THE TREE--
YET THE WAY THE DOGS ARE ACTING UP, HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE! WE'D BETTER NOT PUBLICIZE HIS ESCAPE UNTIL WE CAN INVESTIGATE THIS MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE!

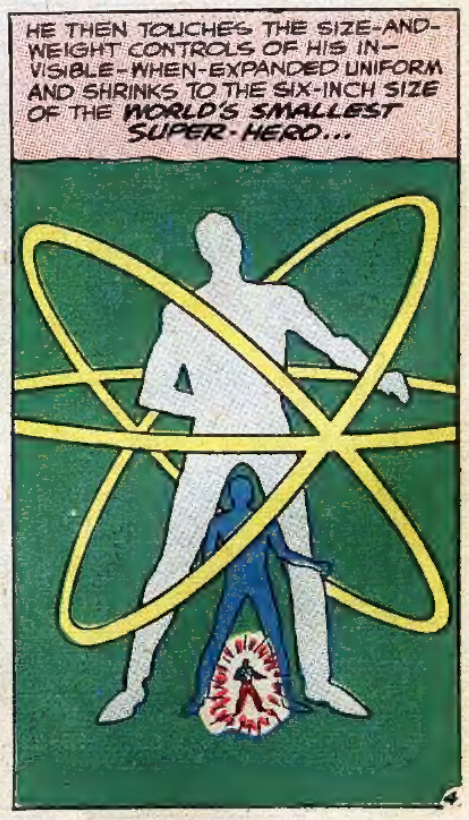

TWO DAYS LATER, AS RESEARCH SCIENTIST RAY (ATOM) PALMER IS DRIVING HIS GIRL FRIEND, LADY LAWYER JEAN LORING, HOME FROM A DATE...
RAY--LOOK! UNLESS MY EYES DECEIVE ME--IT'S MAYA, QUEEN OF THE FLOWER SPRITES!
AS RAY PALMER I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT MAYA, THOUGH AS THE ATOM I'VE SHARED A COUPLE OF ADVENTURES WITH HER!

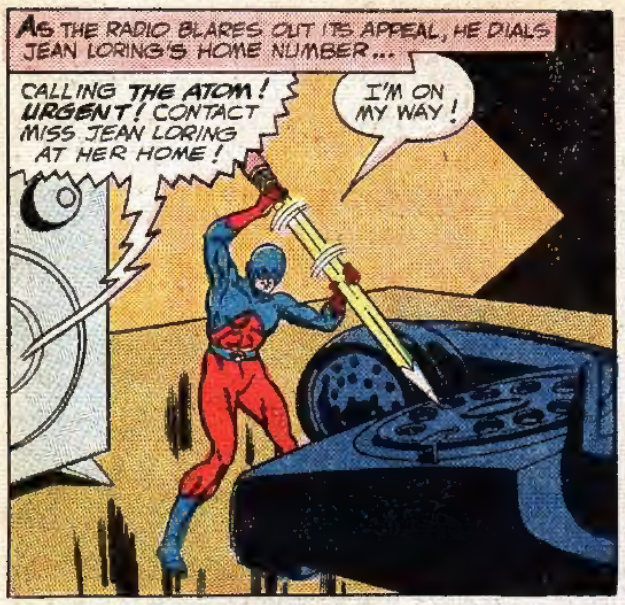
JEAN LORING, YOU MUST HELP ME LOCATE THE ATOM! I NEED HIS HELP QUICKLY--DESPERATELY!
OF COURSE! I'LL GET THE FASTEST RESULTS BY CONTACTING THE LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATION!

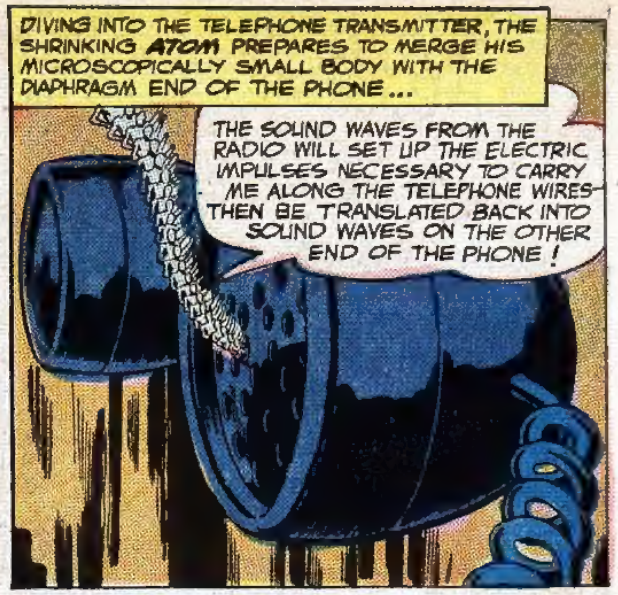
AS RAY BRAKES HIS CAR BEFORE THE LORING HOME...
IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME--THE ATOM MAY BE ON A CASE OVERSEAS! I'LL BROADCAST AN APPEAL ON MY SPECIAL SHORT-WAVE RADIO--TO THE POLICE OF ALL NATIONS!
GO TO IT, RAY!

THIS'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO TRY OUT MY NEW INVENTION! JEAN IS INVOLVED IN SO MANY CASES WITH THE ATOM--I HAVE TO RESORT TO TRICKY DECEPTIONS TO SAFEGUARD MY DOUBLE IDENTITY FROM HER!

SOON AFTER IN HIS IVY UNIVERSITY LABORATORY, RAY ATTACHES HIS SPECIAL DEVICE TO THE TELEPHONE...
IN FIVE MINUTES, AFTER I'M WITH JEAN AND MAYA AS THE ATOM, THIS GADGET WILL DIAL HER PHONE AND THE TAPE RECORDING OF RAY PALMER'S VOICE WILL SPEAK TO HER!


HE THEN TOUCHES THE SIZE-AND-WEIGHT CONTROLS OF HIS IN-VISIBLE-WHEN-EXPANDED UNIFORM AND SHRINKS TO THE SIX-INCH SIZE OF THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO...


AS THE RADIO BLARES OUT ITS APPEAL, HE DIALS JEAN LORING'S HOME NUMBER...
CALLING THE ATOM! URGENT! CONTACT MISS JEAN LORING AT HER HOME!
I'M ON MY WAY!

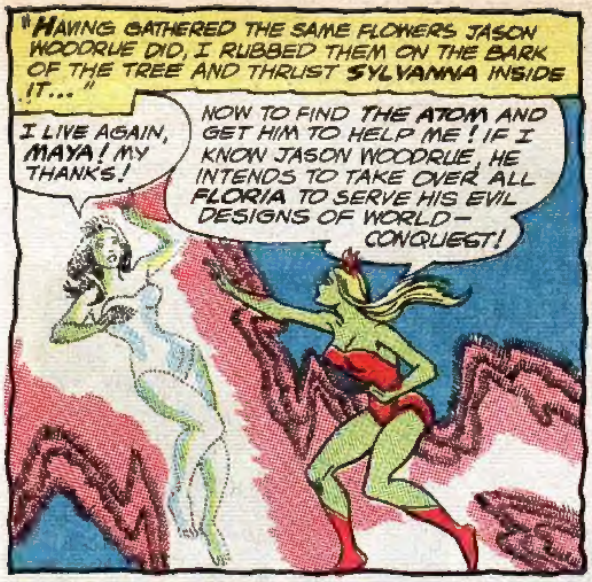

DIVING INTO THE TELEPHONE TRANSMITTER, THE SHRINKING ATOM PREPARES TO MERGE HIS MICROSCOPICALLY SMALL BODY WITH THE DIAPHRAGM END OF THE PHONE...
THE SOUND WAVES FROM THE RADIO WILL SET UP THE ELECTRIC IMPULSES NECESSARY TO CARRY ME ALONG THE TELEPHONE WIRES THEN BE TRANSLATED BACK INTO SOUND WAVES ON THE OTHER END OF THE PHONE!

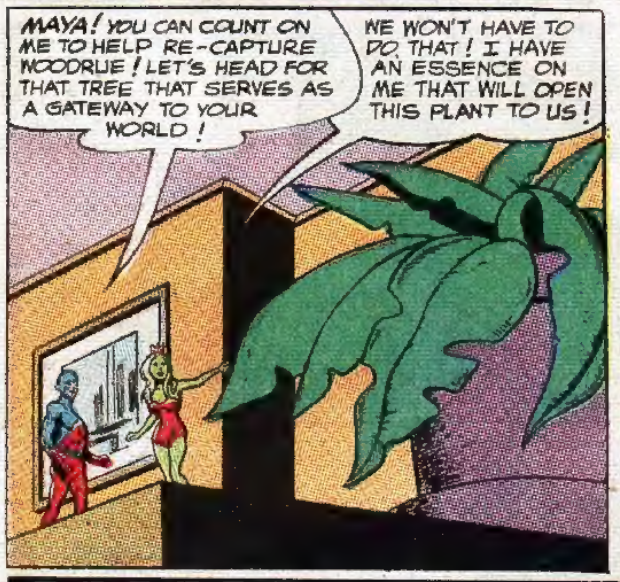
WHEN THAT TELEPHONE RANG, I WAS HOPING IT'D BE YOU--
WHY THE EMERGENCY APPEAL-- MAYA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

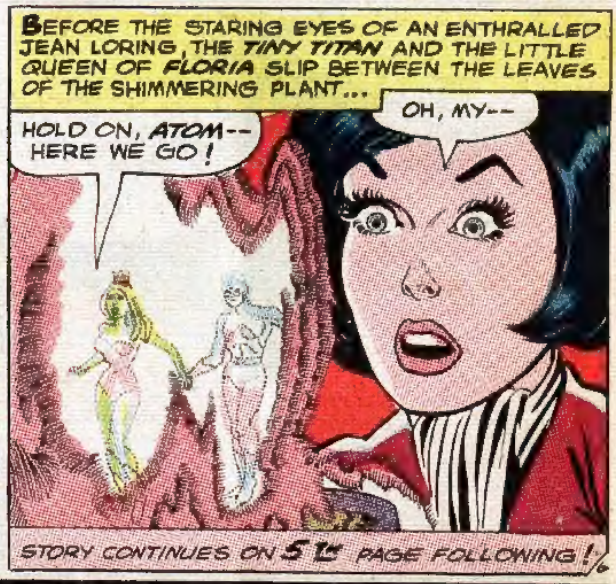
JASON WOODRUE HAS ESCAPED FROM YOUR EARTH-PRISON AND HAS ENTERED MY WORLD OF FLORIA! I'M SURE MY WORLD IS IN DANGER--
--AND YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU OVERCOME HIM, AS WE DID BEFORE! WHEN DID ALL THIS HAPPEN?

I RECEIVED A TELEPATHIC CALL FOR HELP FROM A DRYAD, JUST AS WOODRUE PULLED HER FROM HER TREE AND WENT THROUGH THAT GATEWAY INTO MY WORLD! NATURALLY, I HAD TO GO AND RESCUE HER OR SHE WOULD HAVE PERISHED ON EARTH...

"AS I CAUGHT HOLD OF HER, TO REVIVE HER, I FELT AN ODD WEAKNESS.."
HERE, SYLVANNA! THIS FLOWER NECTAR WILL--OHH! THAT TINGLING IN MY ARM WHERE I'M TOUCHING HER! SUDDENLY, I FEEL SO LISTLESS!







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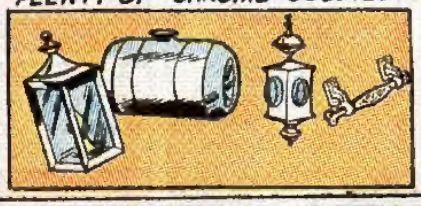

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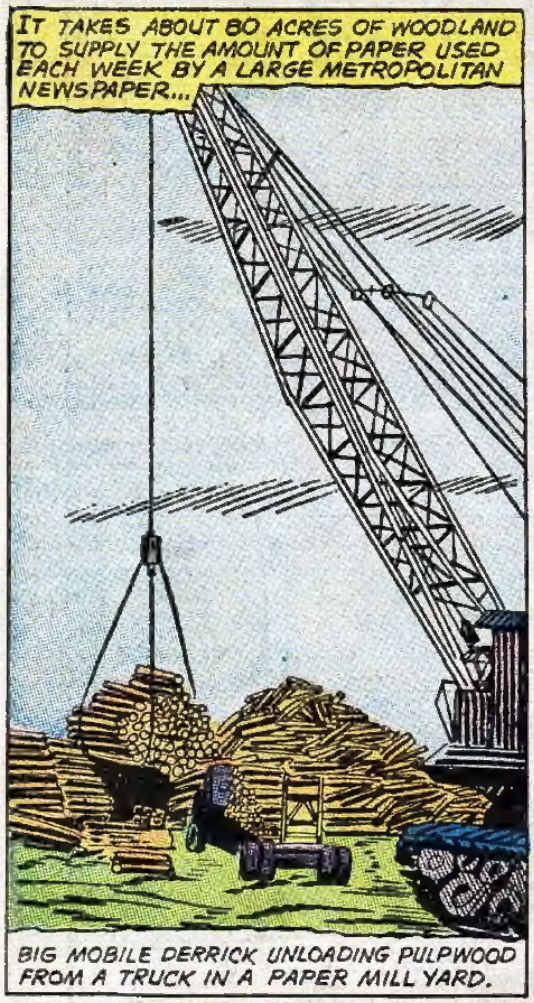

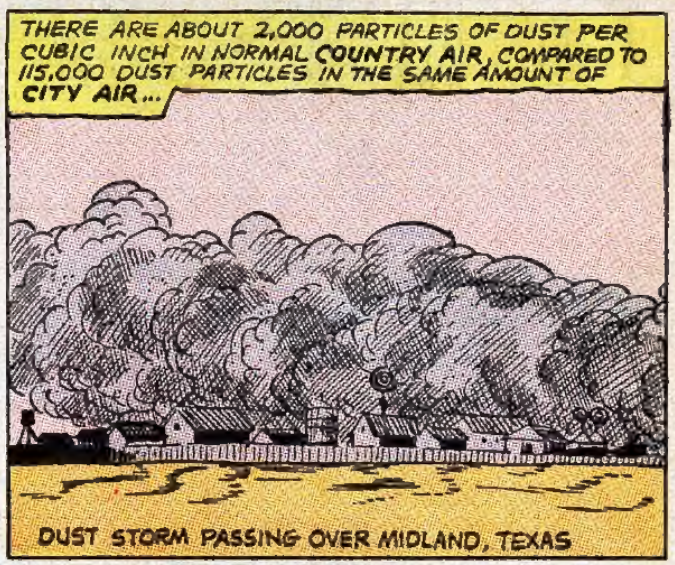

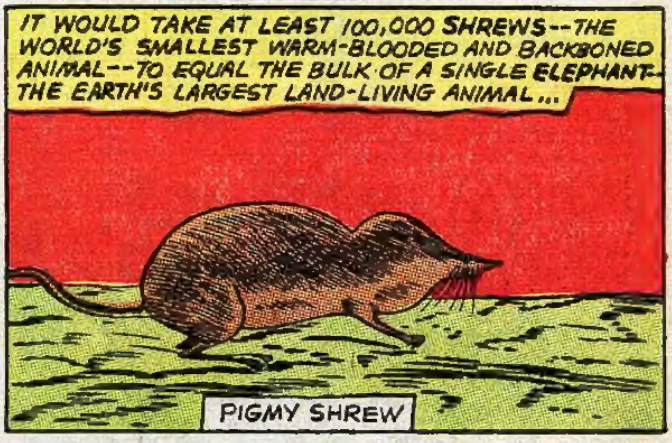

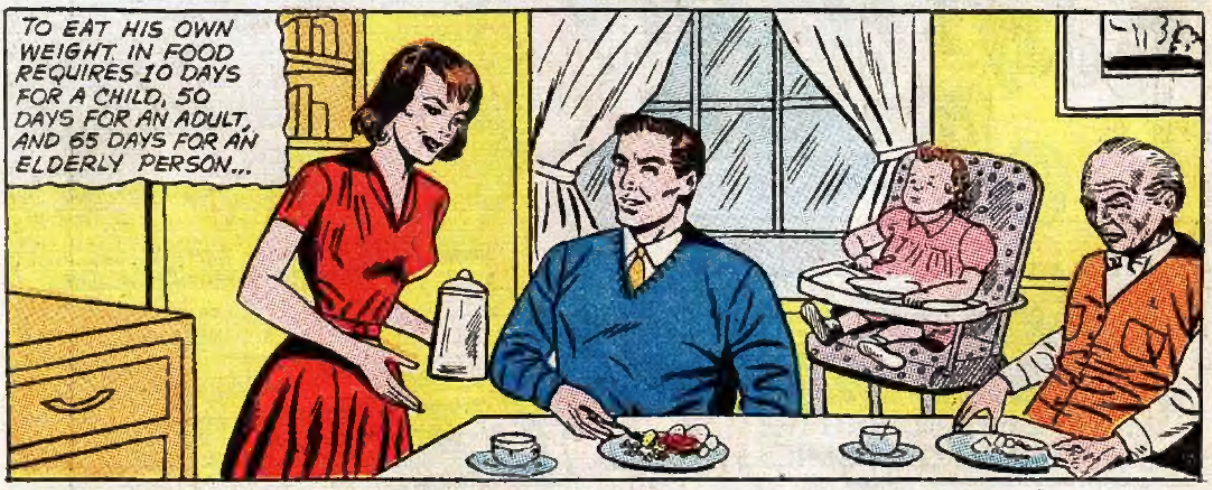

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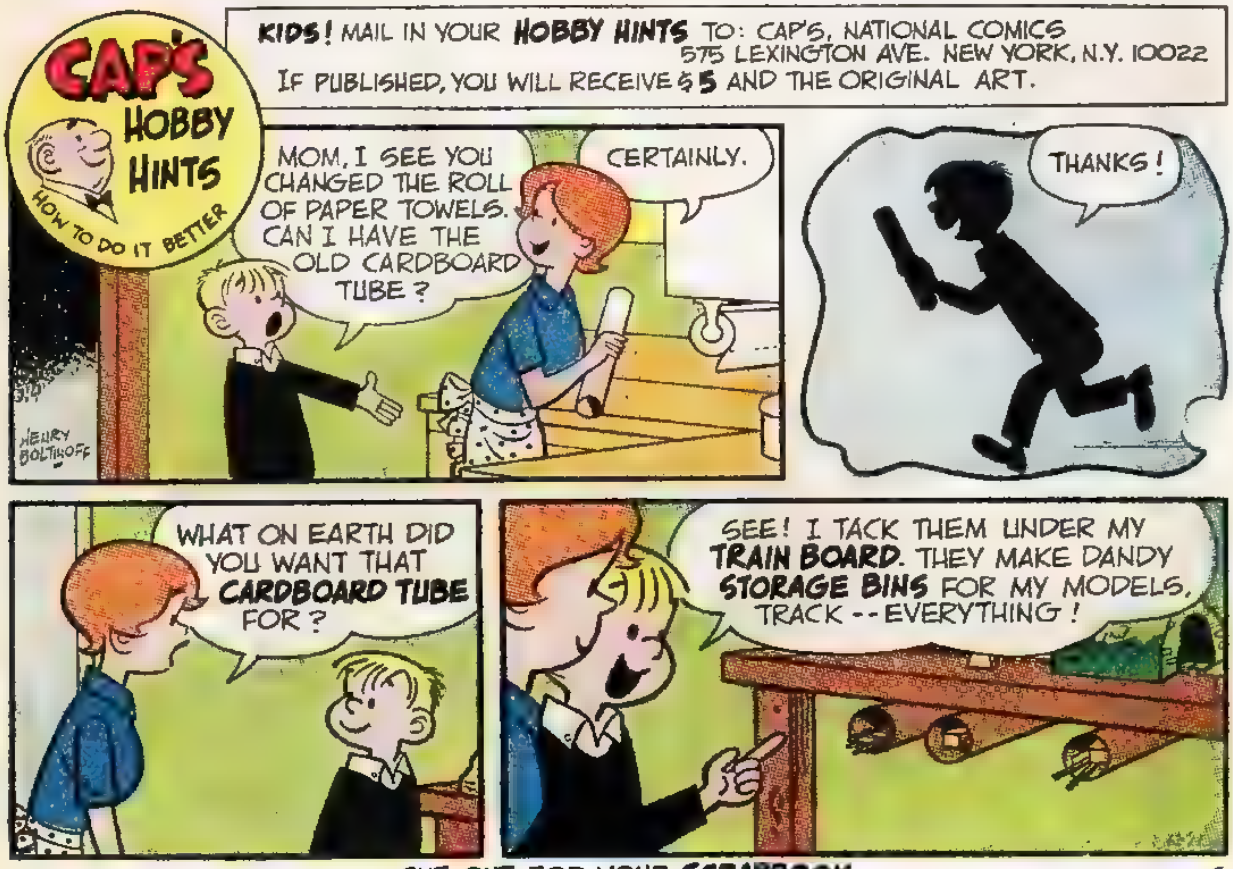

CUT OUT FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

What's Your B.Q.*?

(*BROTHERHOOD QUOTIENT.)

ON BROTHERHOOD WEEK (FEB. 20-26)
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A. CHECK ONE COLUMN FOR EACH ITEM LISTED TO TEST YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES.

	UGH! DISLIKE	UM! LIKE	SO-SO! LUKEWARM	NO THOUGHT! VACANT
Alligators				
Baptists				
Cabbage				
Catholics				
Detective Stories				
Foreigners				
Indians				
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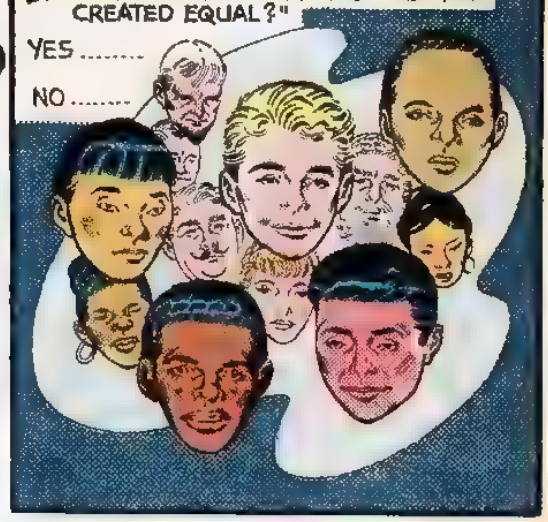
Long-hair music				
Negroes				
Spiders				

B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"

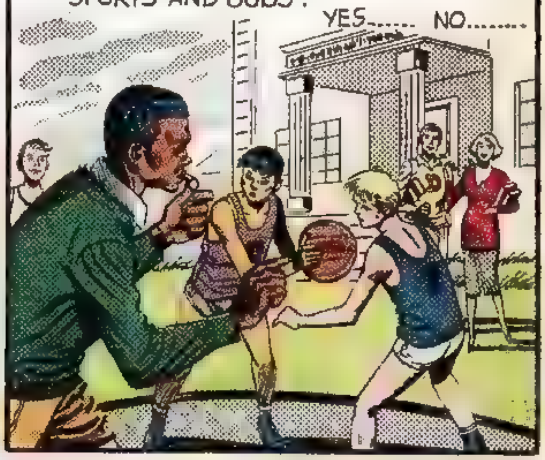
YES .....

NO .....



C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?

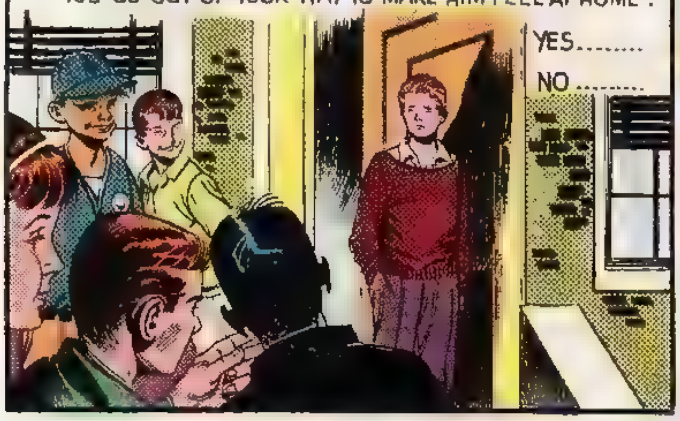
YES..... NO.....



D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?

YES.....

NO.....



HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST **A**? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS--NO ONE CARES. BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE--YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF.

IF YOU SCORED 3 **YES** ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS **B, C** AND **D** -- YOU'RE OKAY! IF YOU DIDN'T -- YOU'D BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT!

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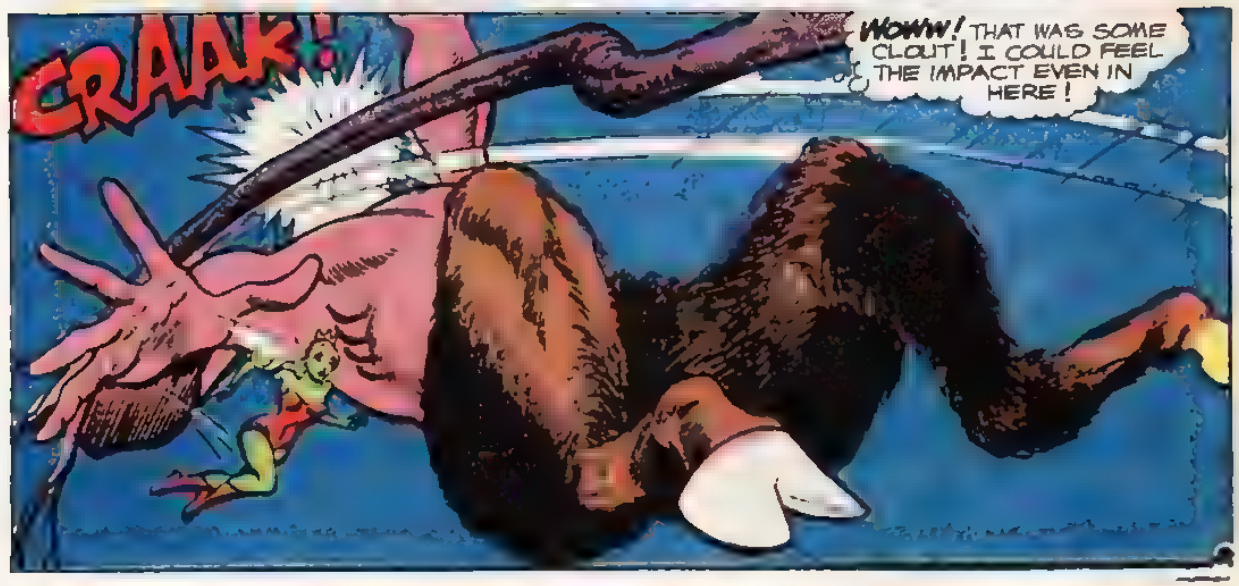
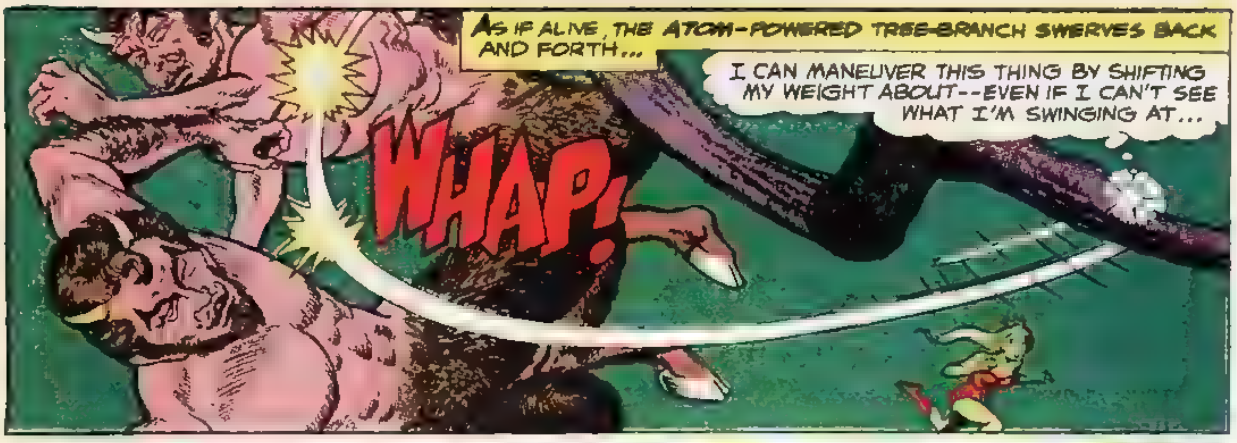
BEFORE THE ATOM CAN MANEUVER HIMSELF INTO POSITION TO WARD OFF THE ONCOMING ATTACK...
WAP!
STOP!! I WHO AM YOUR QUEEN, COMMAND YOU!

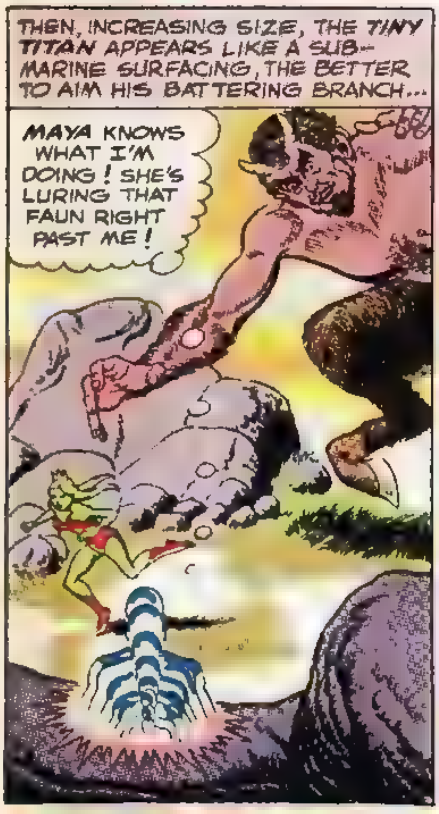
QUEEN YOU MAY BE, MAYA -- BUT ANOTHER STRONGER THAN YOU HAS USURPED YOUR POWERS! JASON WOODRUE IS NOW MASTER OF FLORIA!
WHA..?!

AS THE HARD-HIT ATOM IS PROPELLED BACK TOWARD A TREE-BRANCH, HIS WITS WORK FURIOUSLY...
MAYA AND I ARE OUTNUMBERED--SO I'M GOING TO PULL A NEW STUNT--SOMETHING I'VE NEVER TRIED BEFORE!
CLICK!

CLICKING HIMSELF TO ATOMIC SIZE, THE MIGHTY MITE PIERCES THE THICK TREE-BRANCH...
CLICK... CLICK!
NOW TO MAKE MYSELF HEAVY AND WHIP THE BRANCH DOWNWARD!

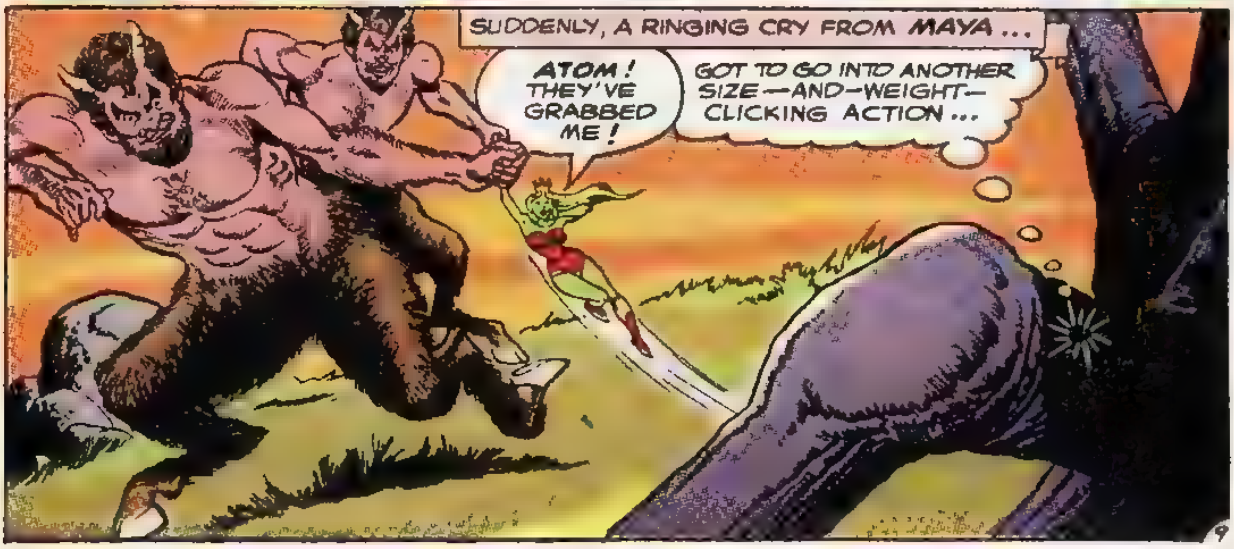

CRAAK!
WOWW! THAT WAS SOME CLOUT! I COULD FEEL THE IMPACT EVEN IN HERE!

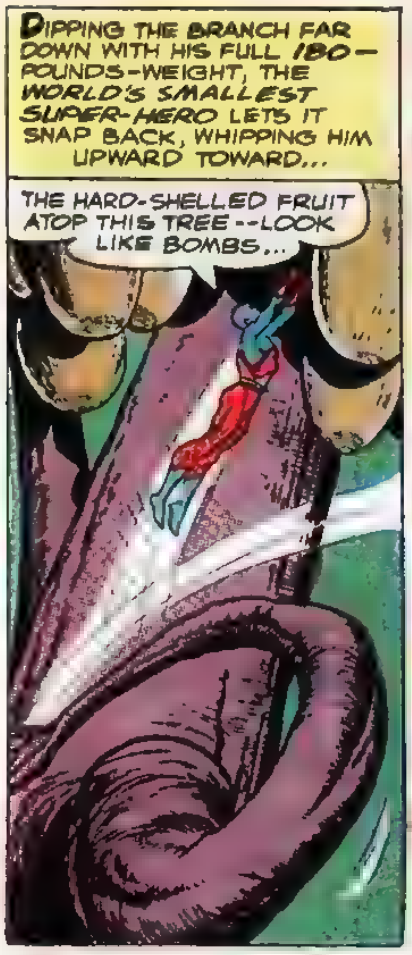

AS IF ALIVE, THE ATOM-POWERED TREE-BRANCH SWERVES BACK AND FORTH...
I CAN MANEUVER THIS THING BY SHIFTING MY WEIGHT ABOUT--EVEN IF I CAN'T SEE WHAT I'M SWINGING AT...
WHAP!

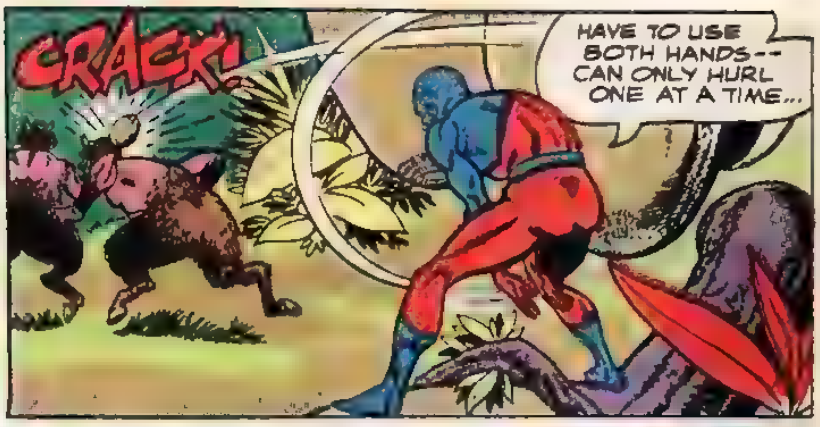

THEN, INCREASING SIZE, THE TINY TITAN APPEARS LIKE A SUB-MARINE SURFACING, THE BETTER TO AIM HIS BATTERING BRANCH...
MAYA KNOWS WHAT I'M DOING! SHE'S LURING THAT FAUN RIGHT PAST ME!

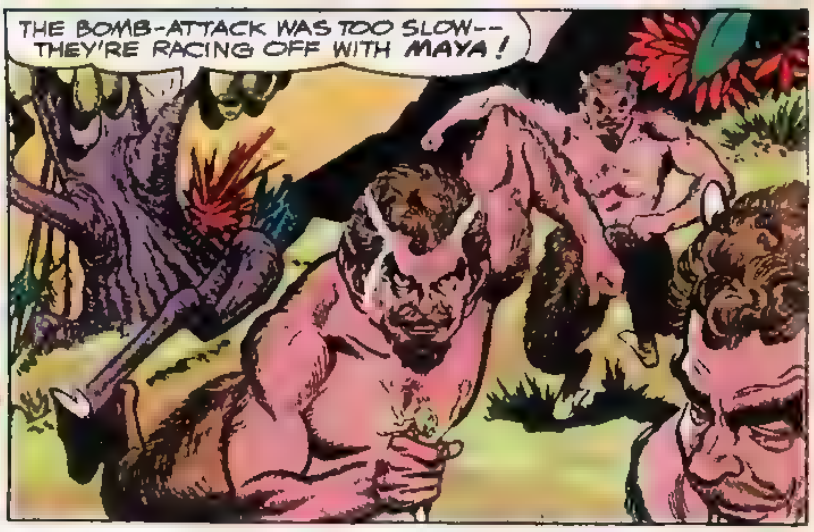
I'VE GOT TO CALCULATE EACH LEAP AND EACH CHANGE OF WEIGHT JUST RIGHT! AND WHEN I DO...

...I HAVE ME A REAL GOOD WEAPON IN THIS THING!
WHAK!


SUDDENLY, A RINGING CRY FROM MAYA...
ATOM! THEY'VE GRABBED ME!
GOT TO GO INTO ANOTHER SIZE—AND—WEIGHT—CLICKING ACTION...


DIPPING THE BRANCH FAR DOWN WITH HIS FULL 180-POUNDS-WEIGHT, THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO LETS IT SNAP BACK, WHIPPING HIM UPWARD TOWARD...
THE HARD-SHELLED FRUIT ATOP THIS TREE--LOOK LIKE BOMBS...


CRACK!
HAVE TO USE BOTH HANDS--CAN ONLY HURL ONE AT A TIME...


THE BOMB-ATTACK WAS TOO SLOW--THEY'RE RACING OFF WITH MAYA!

MAKING HIMSELF LIGHT AS A FEATHER, HE DROPS INTO THE WIND BUT SINCE HE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE STRANGE PLANT GROWTHS IN FLORIA--HE PASSES CLOSE TO A STRANGE SPECIES ...AND...

ATOM--WATCH OUT! THAT'S AN EXPLOSI-PLANT NEAR YOU! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE OR--

TRIGGERED OFF BY THE BODY HEAT OF THE TINY TITAN, THE TINY PROJECTILES FROM THE PISTILS OF THE EXPLOSI-PLANT ERUPT!...
TOO LATE!

MOMENTS LATER, AN INERT ATOM IS LIFTED FROM THE GROUND, PRISONER OF THE FAUNS...

ATOM FAILED ME-- AS I FAILED MY WORLD OF FLORIA...

WHEN HE RECOVERS HIS SENSES, HE FINDS HIMSELF STARING UP AT THE SMIRKING PLANT MASTER...

SO! YOU DECIDED TO TAKE A HAND IN MY LATEST GAME, eh, ATOM? THE RESULT, AS YOU SEE, IS NEGATIVE! THIS SPECIAL PLANT LIQUID IS GOING TO TURN YOU INTO A FLOWER! PLACE YOU COMPLETELY IN MY POWER!

I--CAN'T MOVE! MY SKIN PORES ABSORBED THE CHEMICAL LIQUID-- BEGAN THE CHANGE ALMOST INSTANTLY!

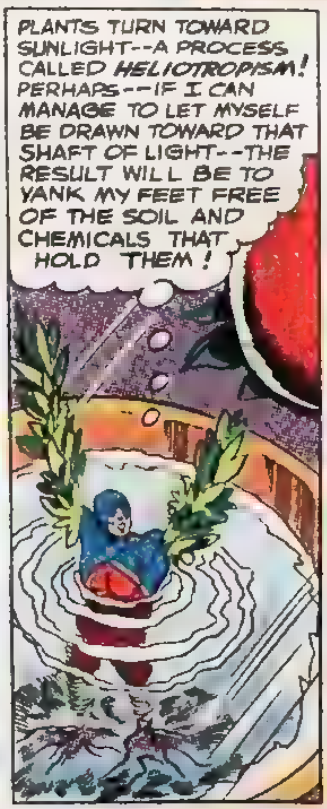
AS FOR YOU, MY DEAR MAYA-- YOU NEVER SUSPECTED THAT I "INFECTED" SYLVANNA WITH A SPECIAL TYPE OF PLANT-BLIGHT! WHEN YOU TOUCHED THE BOOBY-TRAPPED DRYAD YOU TOO BECAME INFECTED!

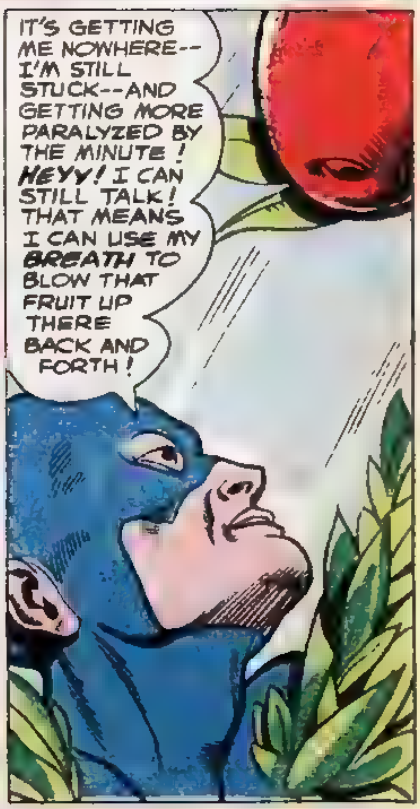
THAT BLIGHT DEPRIVED YOU OF YOUR POWER TO COMMAND THE PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE IN FLORIA! THE FLOWER SPRITES, DRYADS, FAUNS AND NEREIDS OBEY ONLY ME, NOW! WHILE YOU AND ATOM REMAIN ROOTED HERE...

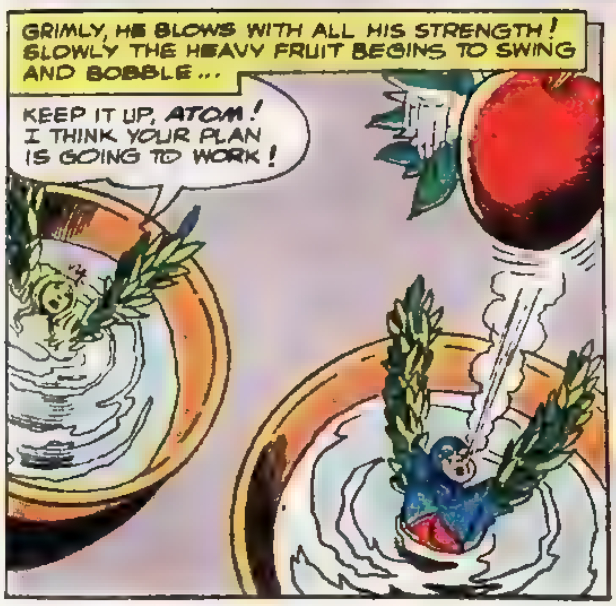
...I SHALL GO ABOUT MY BUSINESS OF USING FLORIA TO BOMBARD THE EARTH WITH AWESOME FORCES AND DESTROY IT! TURNED INTO AN ATOM-FLOWER AND A MAYA-FLOWER-- YOU SHALL BE UTTERLY HELPLESS TO STOP ME AS YOU DID BEFORE!

FROM MY SANCTUARY ON FLORIA, I SHALL ARRAY THE FORCES OF THE FLOWER KINGDOM TO RAIN DEATH AND DESTRUCTION DOWN ON EARTH! NOBODY WILL KNOW WHERE THOSE FORCES ARE COMING FROM! NOBODY SHALL BE ABLE TO STOP THEM! WHEN I RETURN, YOU'LL BE ALL PLANT--AND THEN SNIP! SNIP! SNIP!

CAN'T MOVE MY ARMS OR LEGS! AND SINCE I CAN'T TOUCH THEM WITH THOSE LEAF-FINGERS OF MINE, MY SIZE-AND-WEIGHT CONTROL UNITS ARE USELESS! BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE A BREATH IN ME, I'M NOT GIVING UP...

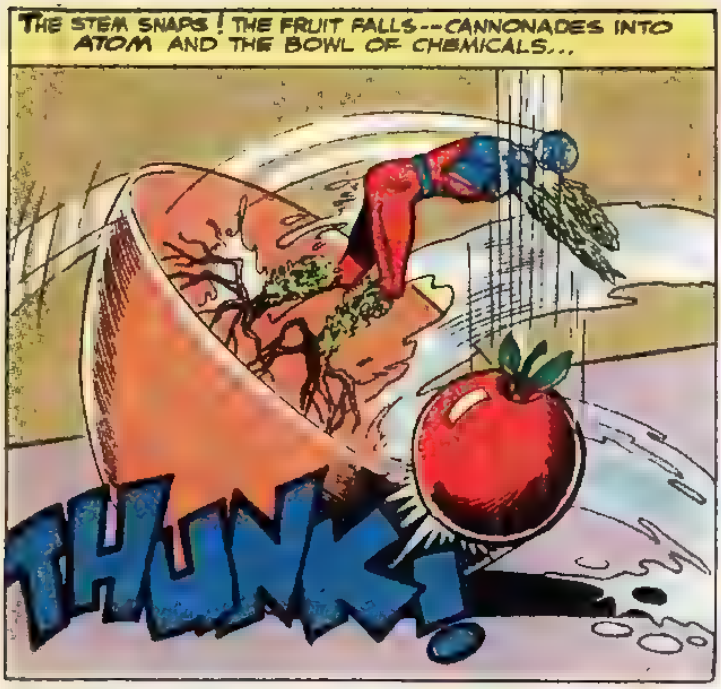

PLANTS TURN TOWARD SUNLIGHT--A PROCESS CALLED HELIOTROPISM! PERHAPS--IF I CAN MANAGE TO LET MYSELF BE DRAWN TOWARD THAT SHAFT OF LIGHT--THE RESULT WILL BE TO YANK MY FEET FREE OF THE SOIL AND CHEMICALS THAT HOLD THEM!

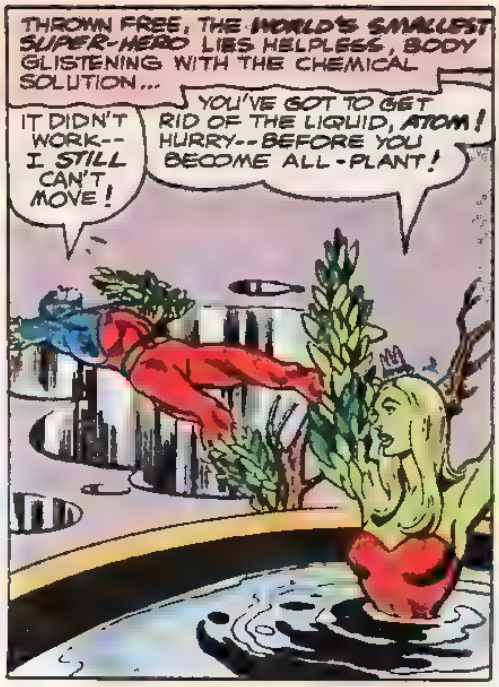

IT'S GETTING ME NOWHERE--I'M STILL STUCK--AND GETTING MORE PARALYZED BY THE MINUTE! HEYY! I CAN STILL TALK! THAT MEANS I CAN USE MY BREATH TO BLOW THAT FRUIT UP THERE BACK AND FORTH!

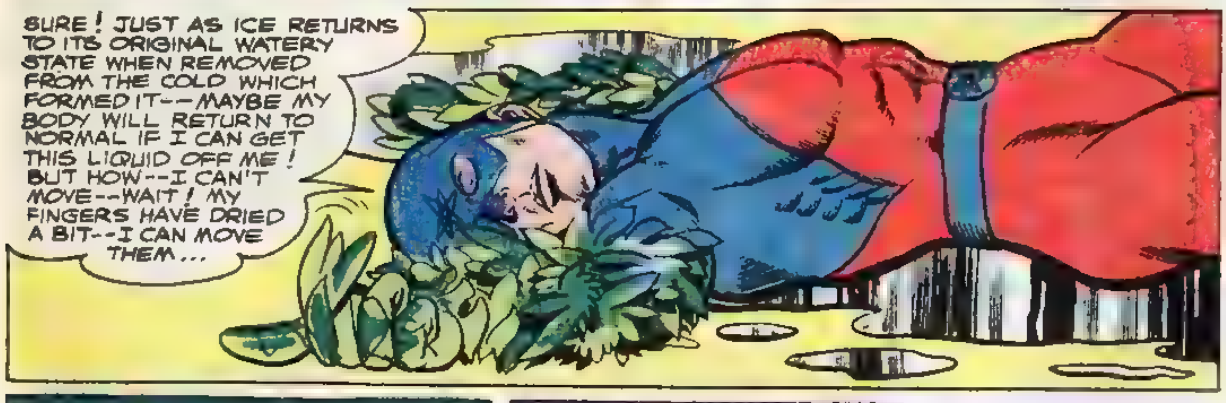

GRIMLY, HE BLOWS WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH! SLOWLY THE HEAVY FRUIT BEGINS TO SWING AND BOBBLE...
KEEP IT UP, ATOM! I THINK YOUR PLAN IS GOING TO WORK!

FASTER MOVES THE FRUIT, TURNING AND TWISTING ON ITS STEM, BOBBING AND SWINGING ALMOST AS IF AN UNSEEN HAND WERE TRYING TO PLUCK IT...

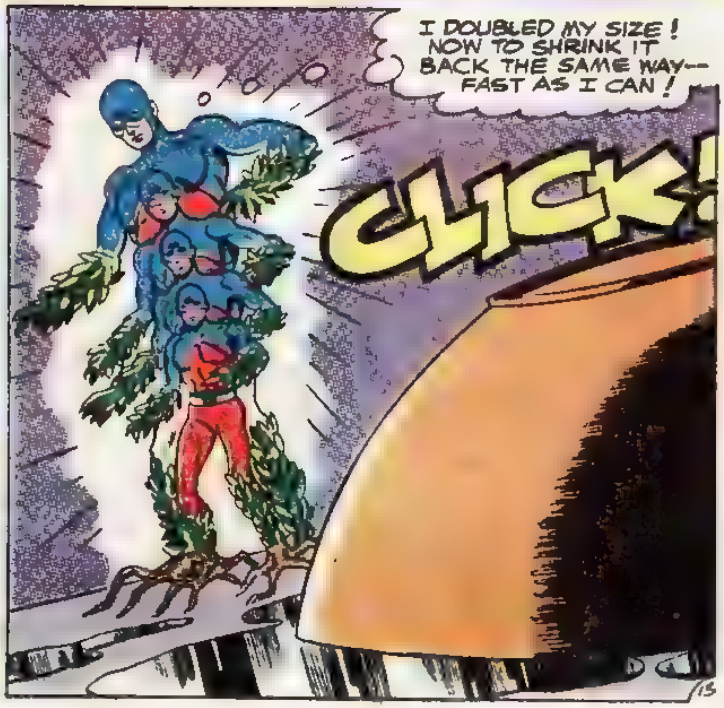
EVEN IF IT DOES WORK--WILL THE FRUIT FALL JUST RIGHT?


THE STEM SNAPS! THE FRUIT FALLS--CANNONADES INTO ATOM AND THE BOWL OF CHEMICALS...
THUNK!


THROWN FREE, THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO LIES HELPLESS, BODY GLISTENING WITH THE CHEMICAL SOLUTION...
IT DIDN'T WORK--I STILL CAN'T MOVE!
YOU'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THE LIQUID, ATOM! HURRY--BEFORE YOU BECOME ALL-PLANT!

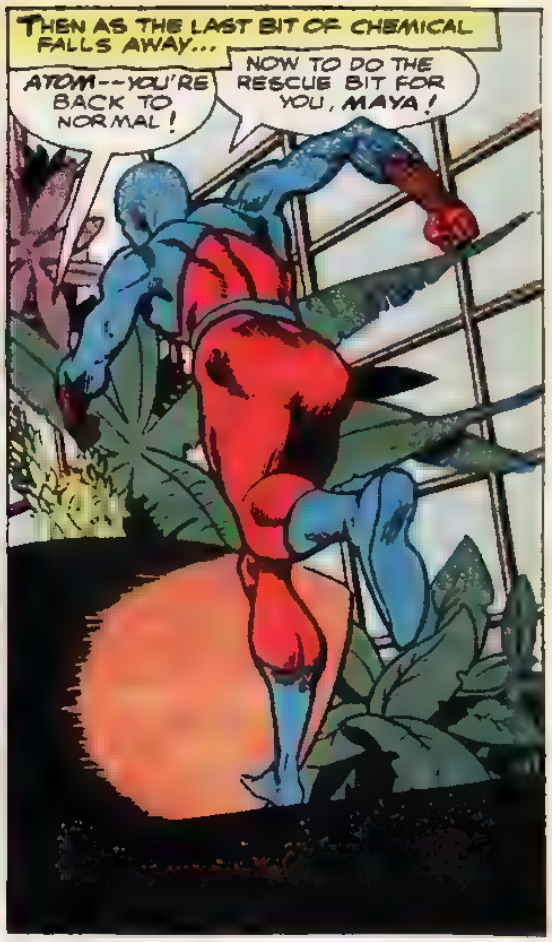

SURE! JUST AS ICE RETURNS TO ITS ORIGINAL WATERY STATE WHEN REMOVED FROM THE COLD WHICH FORMED IT--MAYBE MY BODY WILL RETURN TO NORMAL IF I CAN GET THIS LIQUID OFF ME! BUT HOW--I CAN'T MOVE--WAIT! MY FINGERS HAVE DRIED A BIT--I CAN MOVE THEM...

CLICK! CLICK!


I DOUBLED MY SIZE! NOW TO SHRINK IT BACK THE SAME WAY--FAST AS I CAN!
CLICK!

STARTING TO SHAKE OFF A FEW DROPS! GOT TO SIZE-INCREASE AND DECREASE MORE RAPIDLY!

I FEEL LIKE A DOG SHEDDING WATER!


THEN AS THE LAST BIT OF CHEMICAL FALLS AWAY...
ATOM--YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL!
NOW TO DO THE RESCUE BIT FOR YOU, MAYA!

BUT, ATOM--HOW CAN I GET RID OF THE CHEMICAL? YOU DON'T DARE TOUCH ME AND I CERTAINLY CAN'T MAKE MYSELF LARGE AND SMALL THE WAY YOU DID!
I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF THE ANSWER TO THAT!

GRAB HOLD OF THIS AND HANG ON! YOU'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!

LIKE A HAMMER-THROWER IN A TRACK MEET, THE TINY TITAN SWINGS THE BRANCH WITH MAYA CLINGING TO IT, AROUND AND AROUND...

GOOD GOING! I CAN FEEL MY STRENGTH COMING BACK!

UNTIL AT LAST MAYA BECOMES HERSELF AGAIN...

NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIND JASON WOODRUE! HOW DO WE START?

WITH ONE OF THESE BOWLS, ATOM! GRAB HOLD OF IT--AND FOLLOW ME!

JUST AS BLOODHOUNDS ON EARTH TRACK DOWN PEOPLE BY SMELLING SOMETHING THEY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH, HERE IN FLORYA WE HAVE COMPASS FLOWERS WHICH POINT IN THE DIRECTION A PERSON HAS GONE!

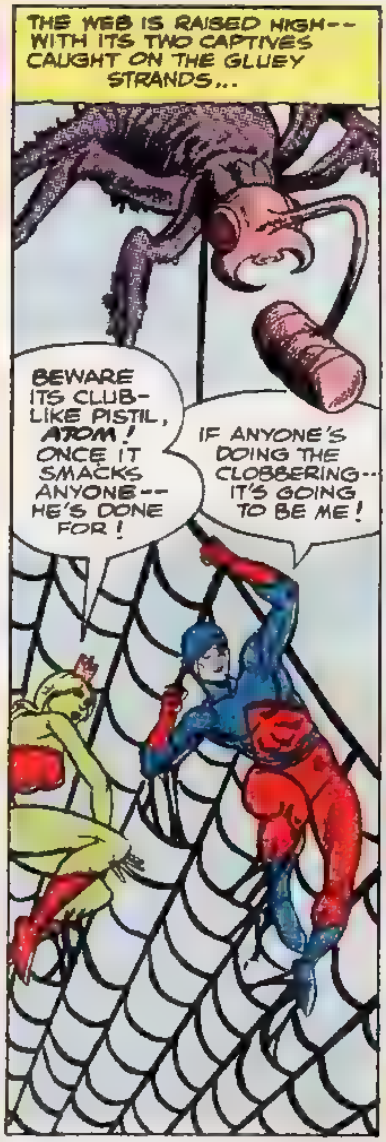
YOU SEE? AS SOON AS THEY SCENTED JASON WOODRUE FROM WHERE HIS HANDS HELD THE BOWL--THE PETALS BEGAN TO TURN IN THE DIRECTION HE TOOK!

TALK ABOUT WONDERS OF NATURE--!

IN TIME, OTHER FLOWER COMPASSES ALONG THE PATH DIRECT THEM TOWARD A GREAT NEST-LIKE CITADEL...

THAT IS WHERE JASON WOODRUE IS--INSIDE THAT STRONG-HOLD!

LET'S TAKE HIM!



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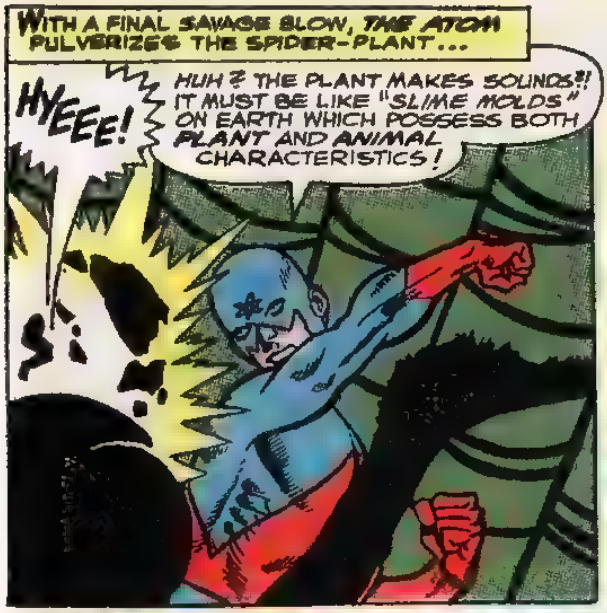

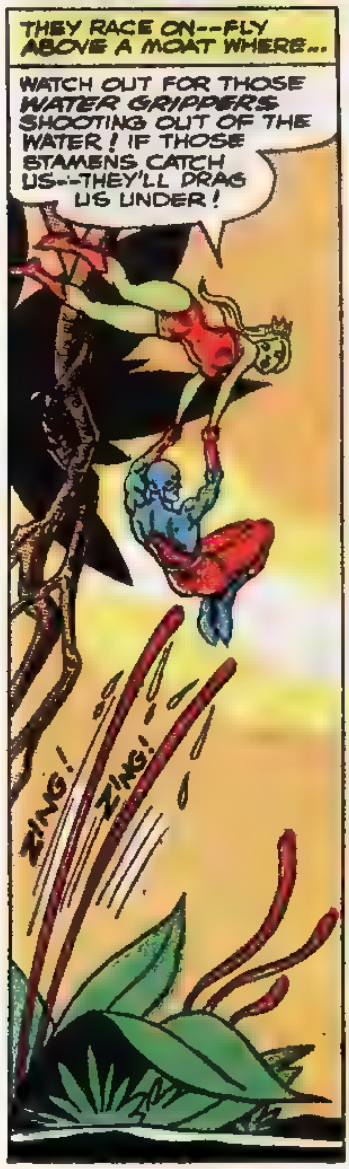

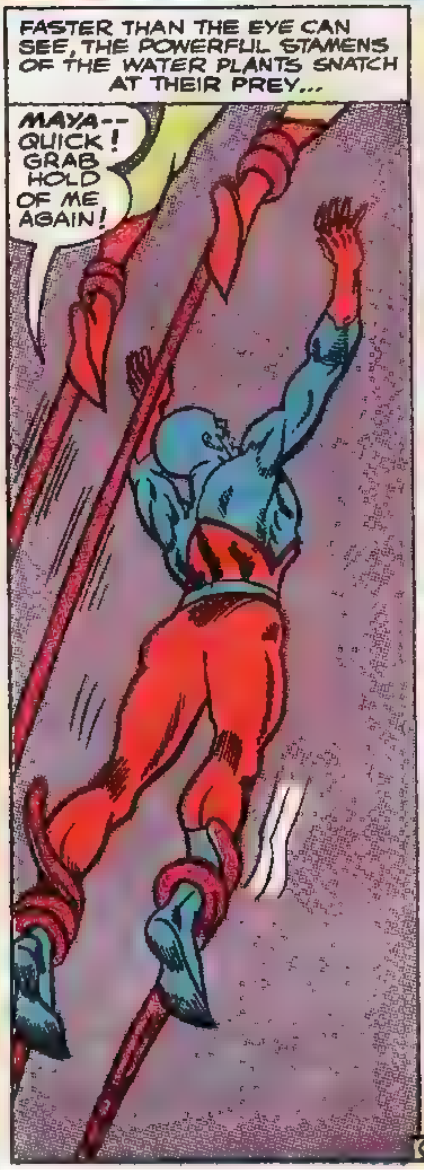

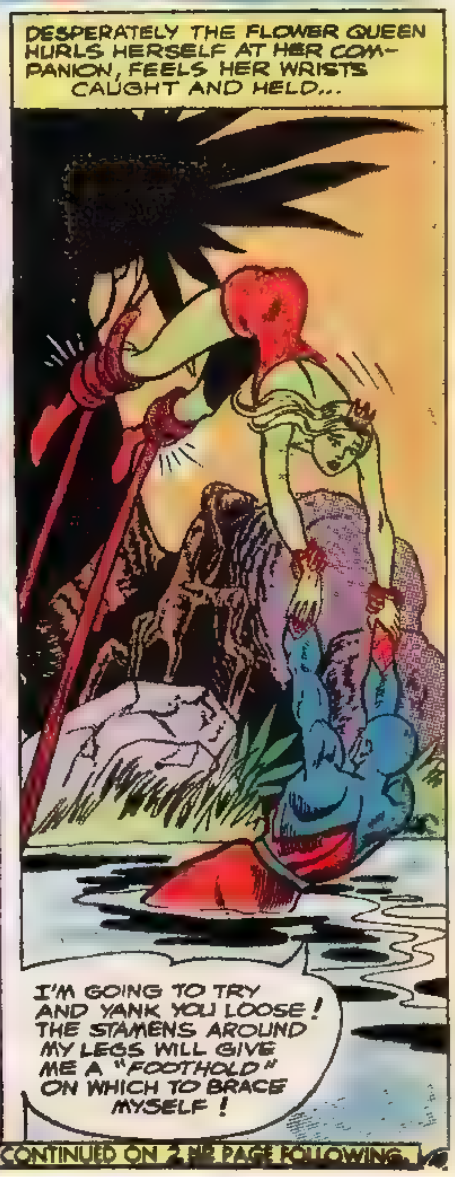

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HURRY--TIME AND WATER ARE RUNNING OUT ON US!

PANTING--STRUGGLING AGAINST THIS EERIE PLANT FOR HIS OWN LIFE AND THAT OF THE TINY QUEEN--HE JERKS FURIOUSLY...

SNAP!

YOU'RE HALFWAY HOME FREE, MAYA!

SECONDS LATER...

NOW FLY HIGH, MAYA--WELL OUT OF THEIR REACH!

ATOM--WHAT ABOUT--YOU?

THE WATER CLOSES OVER THE HEAD OF THE TINY TITAN! ONLY BUBBLES SHOW WHERE HE HAS BEEN...

SOB! HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE ME! ALONE, I CAN'T STOP JASON WOODRUE! OHH, ATOM--ATOM!!

BUT--EVEN AS THOSE WATERS CLOSE ABOVE HIS HEAD, THE MIGHTY MITE CLICKS HIS SIZE-AND-WEIGHT CONTROL DEVICE, SHRINKING TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE...

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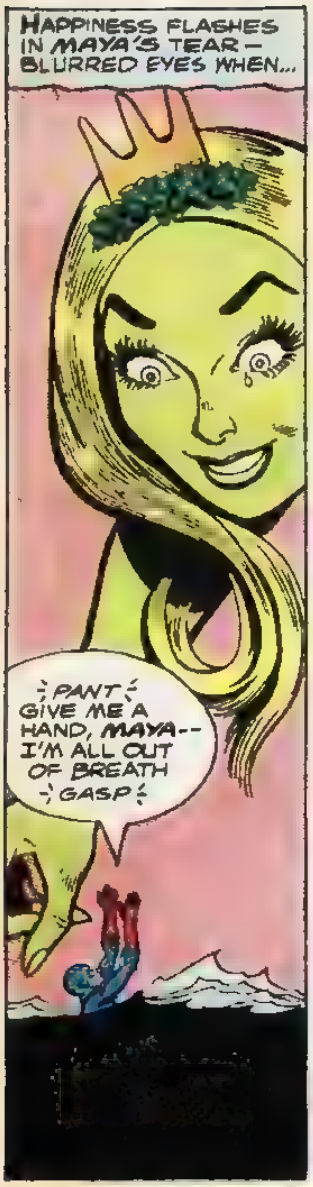

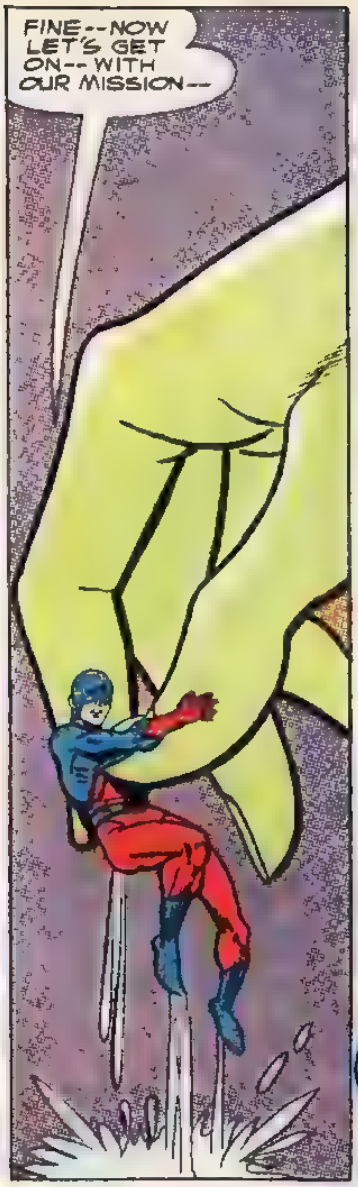

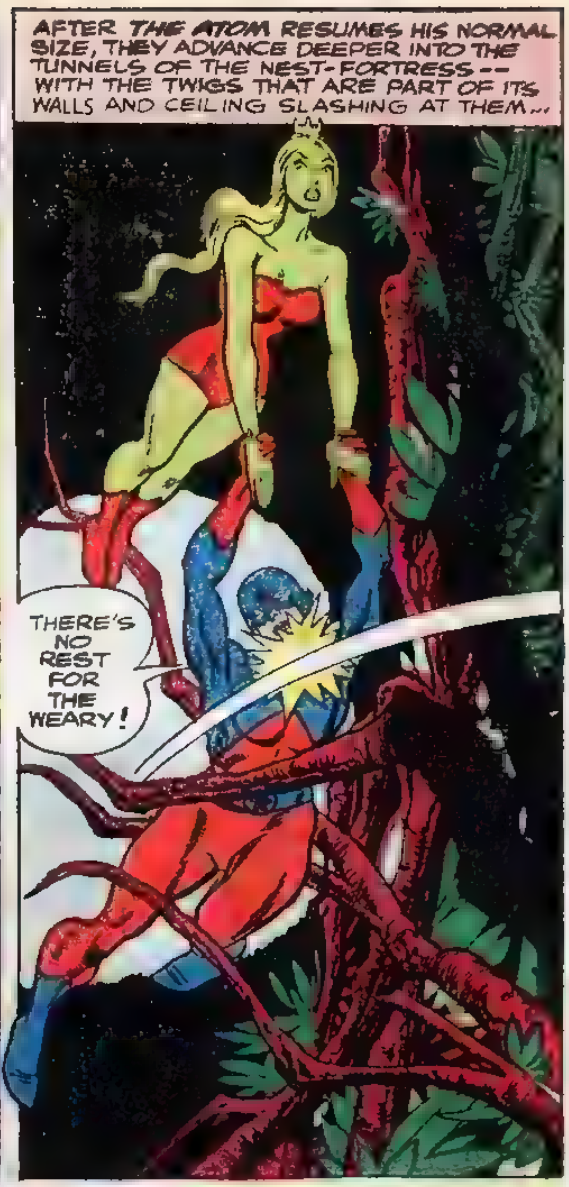

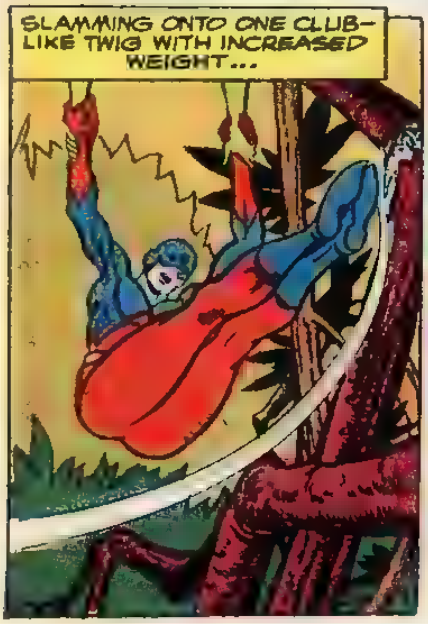

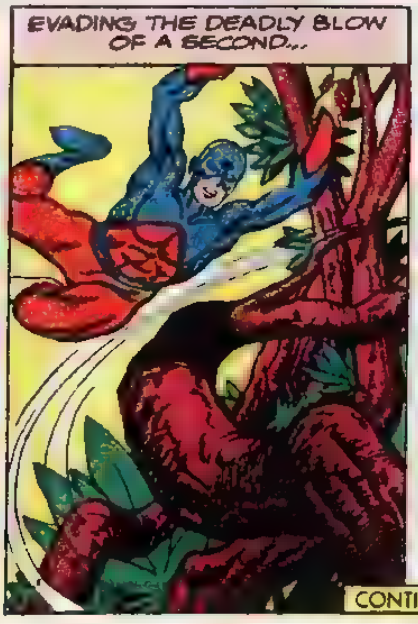

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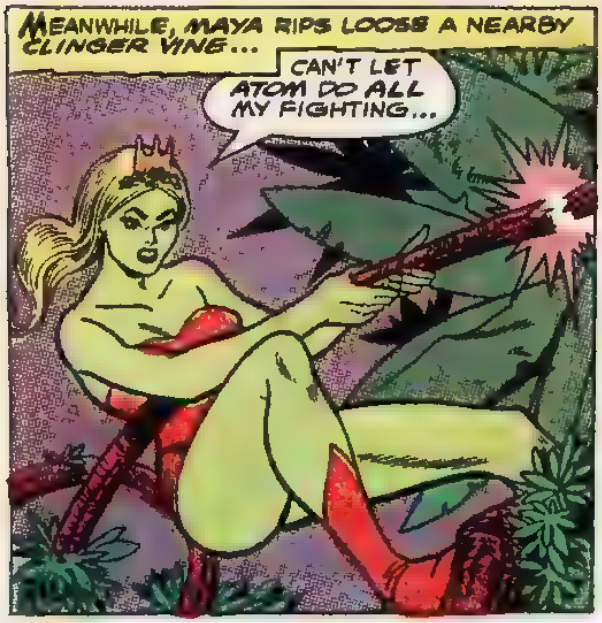
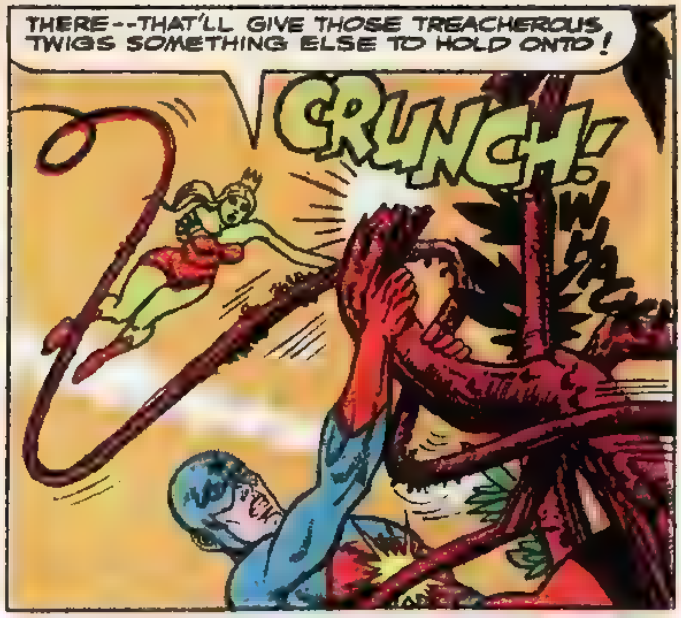
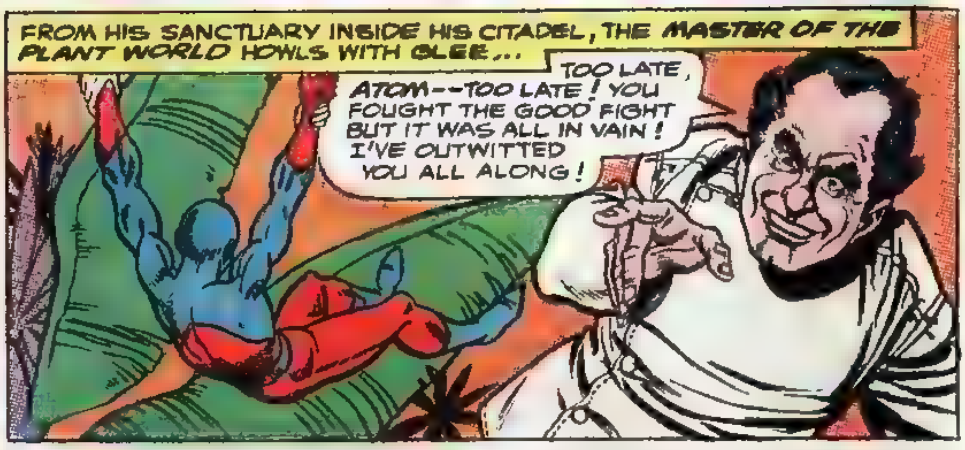
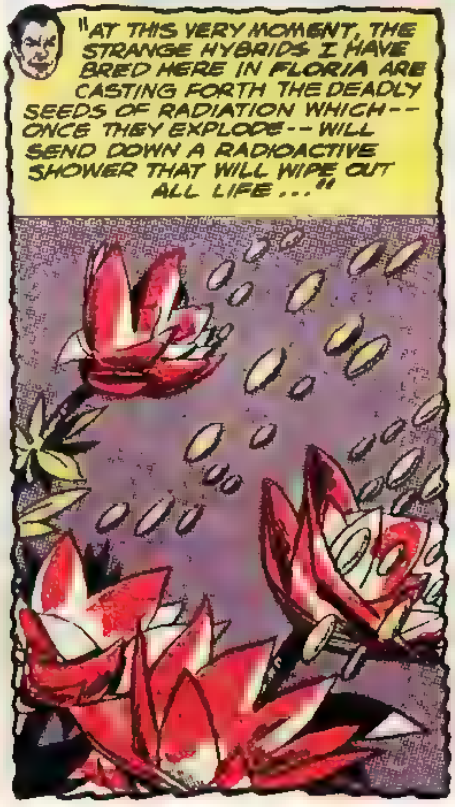
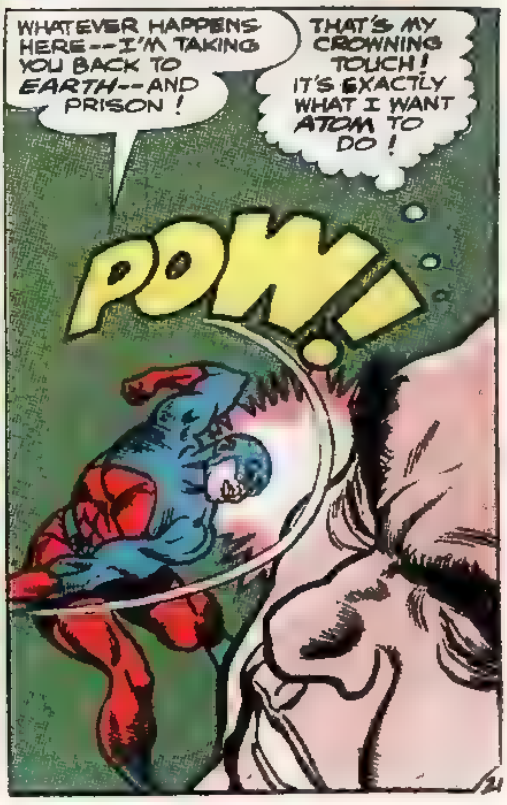

MEANWHILE, MAYA RIPS LOOSE A NEARBY CLINGER VINE...
CAN'T LET ATOM DO ALL MY FIGHTING...


THERE--THAT'LL GIVE THOSE TREACHEROUS TWIGS SOMETHING ELSE TO HOLD ONTO!
CRUNCH!
WHACK!

JASON WOODRUE--RIGHT AHEAD!


FROM HIS SANCTUARY INSIDE HIS CITADEL, THE MASTER OF THE PLANT WORLD HOWLS WITH GLEE...
TOO LATE, ATOM--TOO LATE! YOU FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT BUT IT WAS ALL IN VAIN! I'VE OUTWITTED YOU ALL ALONG!


"AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE STRANGE HYBRIDS I HAVE BRED HERE IN FLORIA ARE CASTING FORTH THE DEADLY SEEDS OF RADIATION WHICH--ONCE THEY EXPLODE--WILL SEND DOWN A RADIOACTIVE SHOWER THAT WILL WIPE OUT ALL LIFE..."


WHATEVER HAPPENS HERE--I'M TAKING YOU BACK TO EARTH--AND PRISON!
THAT'S MY CROWNING TOUCH! IT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT ATOM TO DO!
POW!

NOW MAYA FLIES THE ATOM INTO THE AIR ABOVE FLORIA WHERE THE SEEDS ARE SHOOTING, ABOUT TO EXPLODE...

ALL YOU CAN DO NOW IS BREAK THE SEEDS-- SMASH THEM BEFORE THEY EXPLODE-- PREVENT THEM FROM RAINING DOWN THAT RADIOACTIVE LIQUID!

CASTING THE TINY TITAN LOOSE IN THE AIR CURRENTS, MAYA WATCHES HER PARTNER SMASH AWAY AT THE DEADLY SPORES...

ONLY A FEW MORE LEFT NOW...

HALF DAZED BY THE BLOW THAT FELLED HIM, JASON WOODRUE CHUCKLES TRIUMPHANTLY...

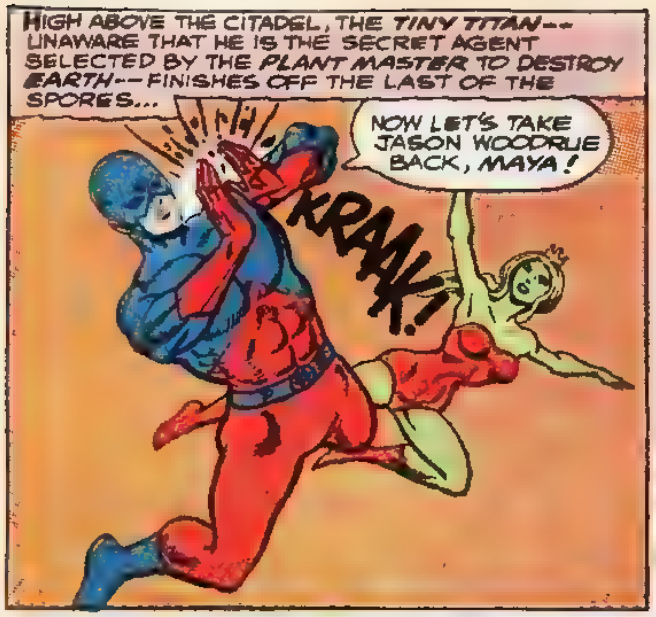
YES, ATOM--SMASH THEM ALL! FOR YOU DO NOT REALIZE THAT BY DOING SO--YOU YOURSELF ARE DOOMING THE EARTH TO DESTRUCTION! YOU AND ONLY YOU--HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT MY VENGEANCE ON EARTH!

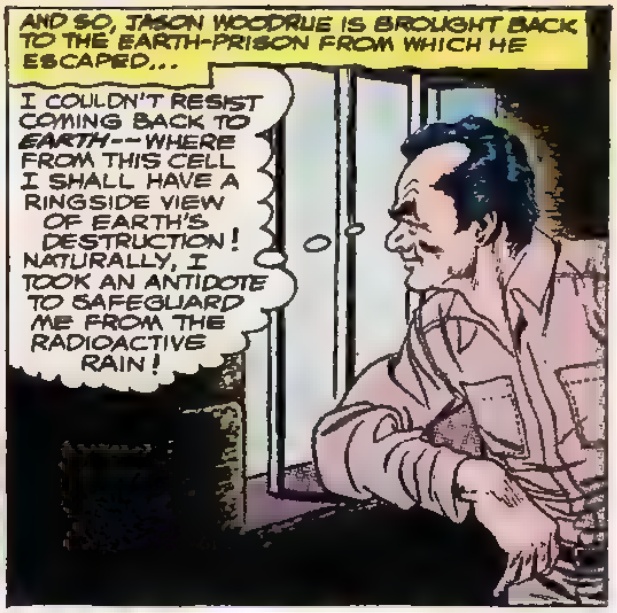
AH, BUT MINE WAS A SNEAKY SCHEME! I DELIBERATELY WORKED IT TO GET MAYA TO BRING ATOM INTO FLORIA TO STOP ME--BECAUSE I NEEDED HIM! FOR I HAD DISCOVERED THAT WHILE MY HYBRID FLOWERS WOULD SHOOT OUT SEEDS THAT WOULD SEND DOWN A RADIOACTIVE SHOWER...

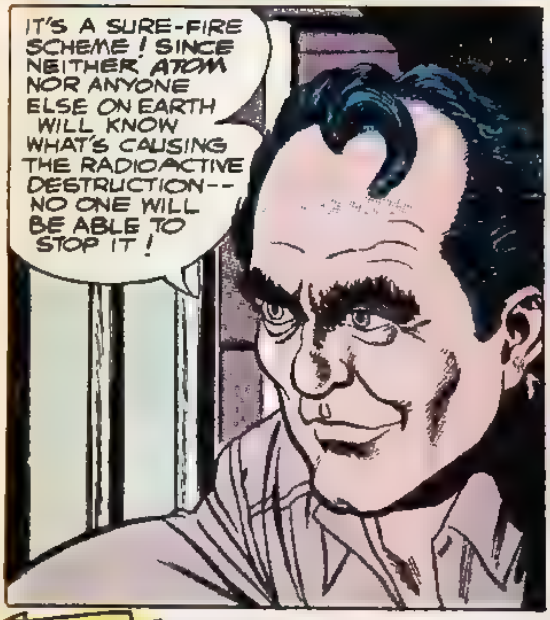
...I HAD NO WAY OF SENDING THAT RADIOACTIVE RAIN ONTO EARTH, WHICH WAS THE REAL OBJECT OF MY VENGEANCE! THEN, FROM WHAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED OF THE ATOM, I MADE TESTS AND LEARNED THAT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF HIS SIZE-CHANGING UNIFORM*--IT COULD DO WHAT I COULD NOT!

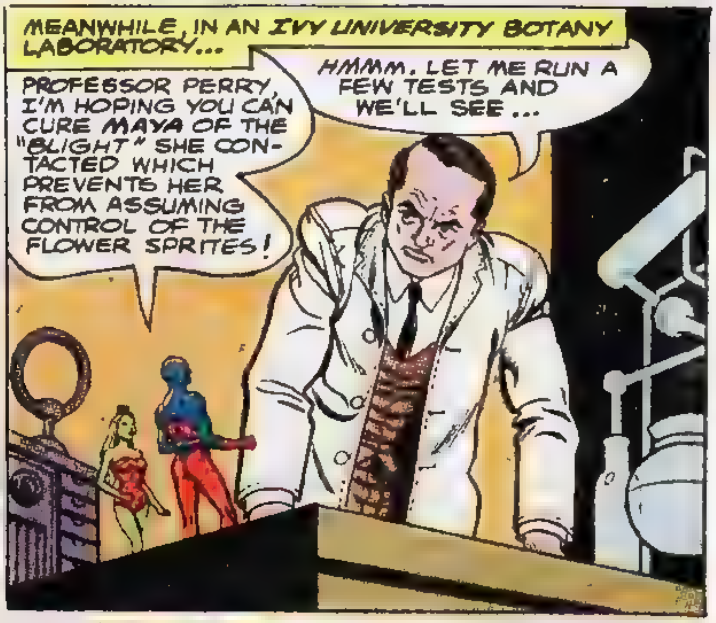
*EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ATOM'S UNIFORM IS MADE FROM THE MATTER OF A WHITE DWARF STAR!

SO ALL I HAD TO DO WAS SEE TO IT THAT ATOM KEPT CHANGING HIS SIZE-- AND WOULD DESTROY THOSE SEEDS BY CONTACT--THUS CAUSING THEIR EXPLOSIONS AND RADIOACTIVE RAIN TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY ON EARTH ITSELF! NOT I BUT ATOM SHALL DESTROY EARTH! VENGEANCE SURE IS SWEET--AS THE EARTHLINGS SAY!


HIGH ABOVE THE CITADEL, THE TINY TITAN-- UNAWARE THAT HE IS THE SECRET AGENT SELECTED BY THE PLANT MASTER TO DESTROY EARTH-- FINISHES OFF THE LAST OF THE SPORES...
NOW LET'S TAKE JASON WOODRUE BACK, MAYA!
KRAAK!


AND SO, JASON WOODRUE IS BROUGHT BACK TO THE EARTH-PRISON FROM WHICH HE ESCAPED...
I COULDN'T RESIST COMING BACK TO EARTH-- WHERE FROM THIS CELL I SHALL HAVE A RINGSIDE VIEW OF EARTH'S DESTRUCTION! NATURALLY, I TOOK AN ANTIDOTE TO SAFEGUARD ME FROM THE RADIOACTIVE RAIN!


IT'S A SURE-FIRE SCHEME! SINCE NEITHER ATOM NOR ANYONE ELSE ON EARTH WILL KNOW WHAT'S CAUSING THE RADIOACTIVE DESTRUCTION-- NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP IT!

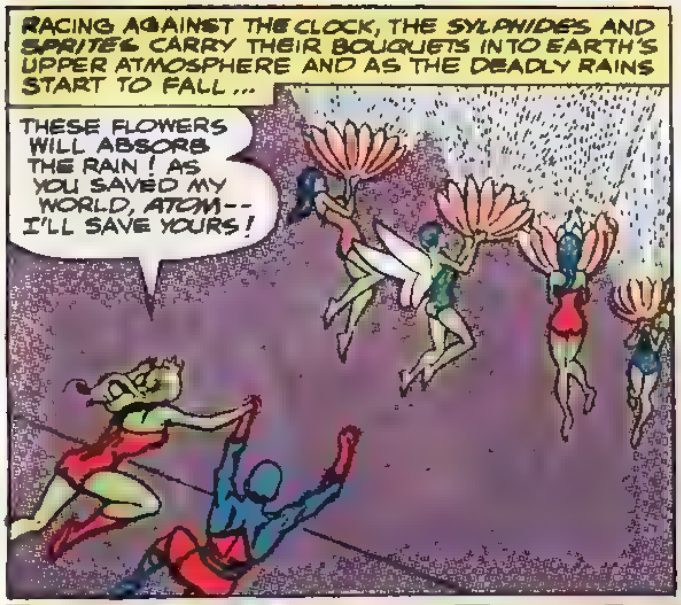

MEANWHILE, IN AN IVY UNIVERSITY BOTANY LABORATORY...
PROFESSOR PERRY, I'M HOPING YOU CAN CURE MAYA OF THE "BLIGHT" SHE CONTACTED WHICH PREVENTS HER FROM ASSUMING CONTROL OF THE FLOWER SPRITES!
HMMM. LET ME RUN A FEW TESTS AND WE'LL SEE...

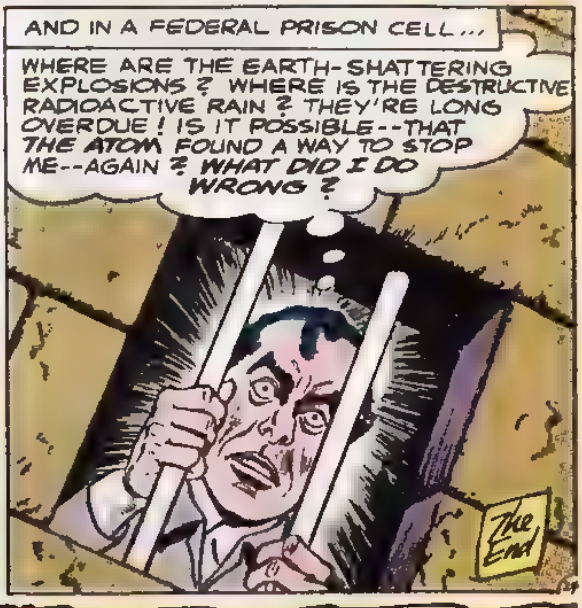
SOON...
HERE YOU ARE, YOUNG LADY. JUST DRINK THIS "MEDICINE" AND YOU'LL BE CURED!

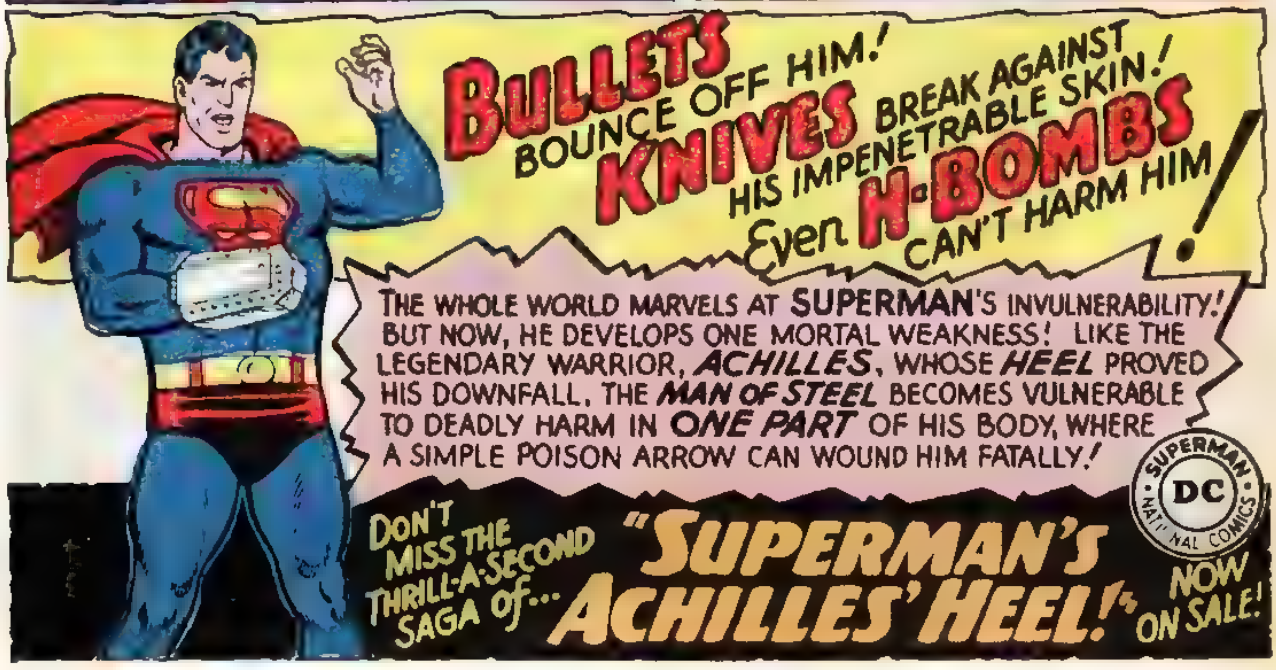
MAYA DRINKS--AND THEN SHRIEKS IN HORROR...
OHHH-- NO!!
MAYA-- WHAT'S WRONG? YOU ACT AS IF IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!

IT IS THE END OF YOUR WORLD, ATOM! NOW THAT MY BLIGHT IS GONE, I CAN HEAR THE DISTANT VOICES OF MY FLOWER SPRITES WARNING ME THAT A RADIOACTIVE SHOWER IS ABOUT TO RAIN DOWN ON EARTH--WHICH YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR--WHEN YOU SMASHED THOSE SEEDS ON FLORIA!
JASON WOODRUE WOULD HAVE PLANNED IT TO HAPPEN THAT WAY! CAN ANYTHING BE DONE TO STOP IT?

YES! NOW THAT I HAVE REGAINED MY POWERS, I SHALL COMMAND THE SYLPHIDES, THE SPIRITS OF THE AIR, MY FLOWER SPRITES--TO SWIFTLY GATHER THE PLANTS IN FLORIA THAT THRIVE ON RADIOACTIVITY AND BRING THEM HERE TO EARTH!


RACING AGAINST THE CLOCK, THE SYLPHIDES AND SPRITES CARRY THEIR BOUQUETS INTO EARTH'S UPPER ATMOSPHERE AND AS THE DEADLY RAINS START TO FALL...
THESE FLOWERS WILL ABSORB THE RAIN! AS YOU SAVED MY WORLD, ATOM--I'LL SAVE YOURS!


AND IN A FEDERAL PRISON CELL...
WHERE ARE THE EARTH-SHATTERING EXPLOSIONS? WHERE IS THE DESTRUCTIVE RADIOACTIVE RAIN? THEY'RE LONG OVERDUE! IS IT POSSIBLE--THAT THE ATOM FOUND A WAY TO STOP ME--AGAIN? WHAT DID I DO WRONG?
The End


BULLETS BOUNCE OFF HIM!
KNIVES BREAK AGAINST HIS IMPENETRABLE SKIN!
Even H-BOMBS CAN'T HARM HIM!
THE WHOLE WORLD MARVELS AT SUPERMAN'S INVULNERABILITY! BUT NOW, HE DEVELOPS ONE MORTAL WEAKNESS! LIKE THE LEGENDARY WARRIOR, ACHILLES, WHOSE HEEL PROVED HIS DOWNFALL, THE MAN OF STEEL BECOMES VULNERABLE TO DEADLY HARM IN ONE PART OF HIS BODY, WHERE A SIMPLE POISON ARROW CAN WOUND HIM FATALLY!
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INSIDE THE ATOM

Dear Editor: EXTRACALAFRAGILEWATSIS! This is the only way I know of to describe *The Atom* 22. It was what I call a real swinger; the way those *Elvarians* in "Bat-Knights of Darkness" fought was something.

As I found myself cheering for the *bat-knights*, I came up with an idea. Why not put out occasional mags of *The Atom* with the little people helping the *Mighty Mite* fight crime like the tiny people of the bottled city of *Kandor* help *Superman* on occasion?

So all I have to say is, *I pledge allegiance to the lance of the tiny people of Elvara. And may they live in the pages of DC Comics forever! —Mike O'Handley, Amenia, N.Y.*

(If we should go along with your idea of utilizing the tiny people of *Elvara* we may get hung up as far as the next reader is concerned. —*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: In issue 22 of *The Atom*, you asked how we liked Gardner Fox's handling of the "little people." I answer: I don't like it! Everytime G. Fox uses persons out of legendary fiction, he changes them to science-fiction characters. Not that I don't like science-fiction, but I do not like the idea of elves using electric lances.

How about other examples? Like the time *Hawkman* battled the "harpies" from outer space. Remember when *The Atom* became the genie in "Aladdin's" (Al Atom) lamp? These beings are supposed to be supernatural. I hope we don't learn that the friendly menehune (may nay WHO nay —at least get that right!) up Manoa doesn't come from dimensio pi-radical-minus-one. —*Fred Kau, Honolulu, Hawaii.*

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Dear Editor: *Atom* 22 was a welcome change, in more ways than one. First of all, I was glad to see it wasn't an all regular hood type criminal issue, nor was it a spy issue as was the last. Yes, the costumed villain was back, or so it seemed—something which is a bit unusual for an *Atom* script. I honestly think this sparse showing of costumes is one of the many things that make *Atom* good, for then we enjoy a wider range of tastes. I mean, after all, regular hoods get tiresome.

Gil Kane's artwork is extremely good this issue. I do, though, have one comment to make about the art. At times the muscles and *Atom's* positions are too exaggerated and bulging. I might even go so far as to say that at times they are *so* exaggerated that he has muscles that are not even there! —*Frank Klein, Webster Groves, Mo.*

(Perhaps it is artist Gil Kane's slender frame that prompts him to compensate by endowing his heroes (*Green Lantern* as well as *Atom*) with an abundant supply of muscles! —*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: When I saw the ad for *Atom* 22 in one of your other magazines, I literally groaned, sighed and said "Not again!" *Again*, one of the best super-hero mags on the market, *Atom*, was featuring a tale o' the little people, who we have seen as leprechauns and elves but are really *etc.* I kept this attitude until I bothered to read the mag, and I would like this opportunity to publicly eat my words.

True, too much small is as bad, if not worse, than too much big (meaning super-strong monsters and the like), but these lethal little lancers were extremely well handled, not "cute" in the slightest (thank heaven), and, for once, mean as mean can get. In the past, the infinitesimal civilizations that *Atom* has met up with have been doll-like little creatures, bent on doing nothing but kind and good things, wishing peace unto all of Earth's creatures, *ad nauseum*. It was refreshing to see them as rather savage little barbarians, infected with the cancer of race-hatred, as human, or *less human*, than we "tall men."

The story was well-written, even though the bit with Eddie Gordon (who looks suspiciously like Oscar-winner Karl Malden) was unneeded. The scenes with that over-zealous photographer were properly terrifying, with the blood-lusty *Elvarans* attacking him with all the blind hate of a swarm of army ants. I'd like to see what would happen to *Our Friend The Atom* if, on a future visit to the caves of *Elvara*, he suddenly found himself as Ray Palmer, twelve times his *Atomic* height, with no way to escape or return to normal. On second thought, forget it! *The Atom* is good for another thousand issues at least. Let's not get rid of him *this* early! —*Guy H. Lillian III, Walnut Creek, Cal.*

(Our Favorite *Guy* pre-judged *Atom* 22 unfavorably and was good enough to eat his words. Our final critic was of a different mind and appetite —he simply chewed us alive! —*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: The *New Look* started with *Batman* in 1964 and it has spread to many of your other magazines—but in *The Atom* you've pulled a real bomb by letting the *New Look* take over. The January issue's "Bat-Knights of Darkness" was just *too* improbable to believe. I read it three times over and each time it got so ridiculous I felt like laughing. —*Sal Iacopelli, Boonton, N.J.*

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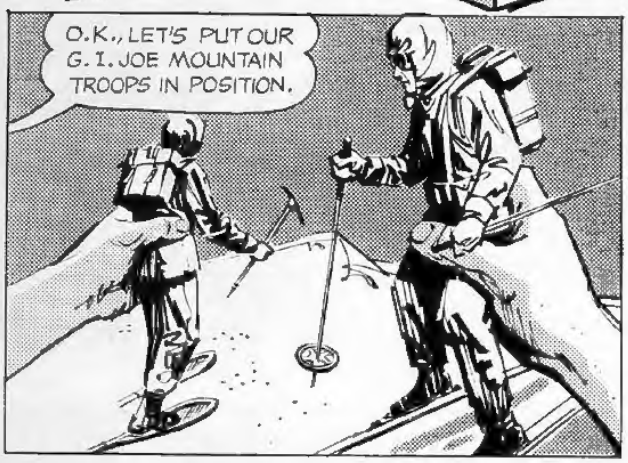
O.K., LET'S PUT OUR G.I. JOE MOUNTAIN TROOPS IN POSITION.

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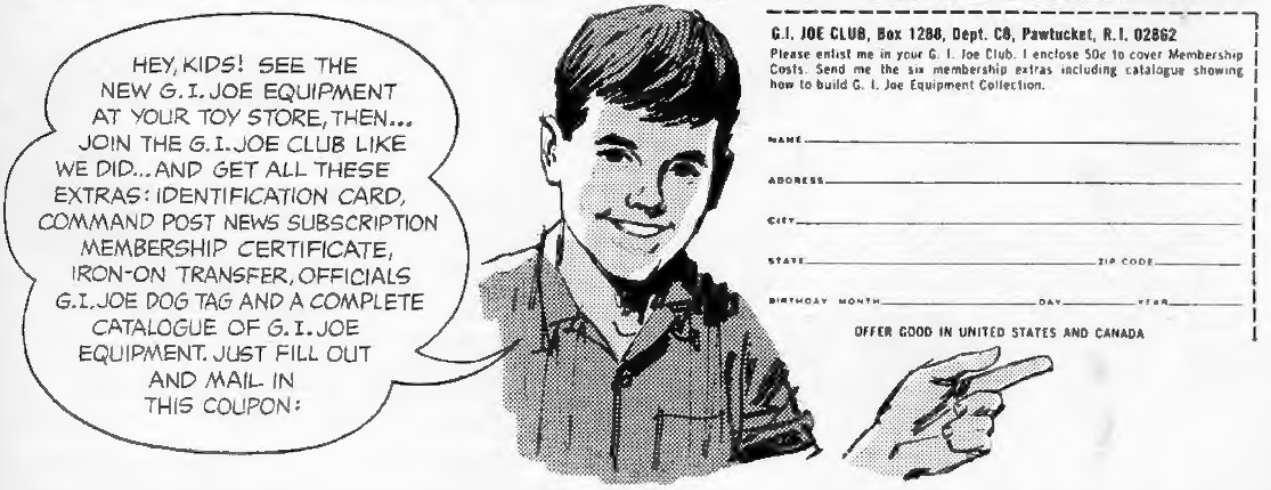
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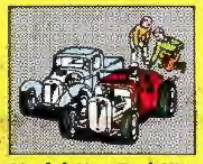
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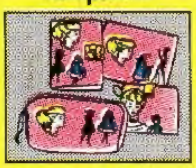
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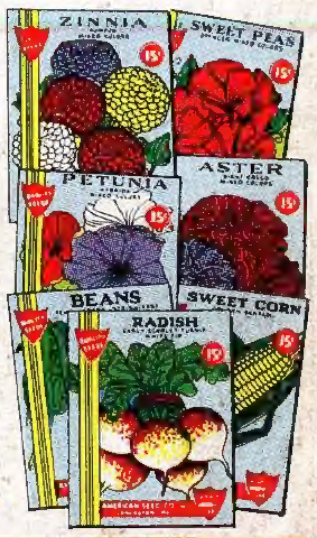

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